

Japan's Hope Lies In Christianity

The Bishop's Chat

My dear Flock:

You have already read that the Catholic women of the Diocese of Fort Wayne—married and unmarried—are invited to attend the annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women which, this year, will be held in Fort Wayne.

It will open with a Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 5, at eleven o'clock. It will continue through Sunday afternoon and evening and throughout Monday. The sessions will be held at the Central Catholic High School. It will close Monday towards evening with tea at the St. Vincent Villa.

Mrs. Thomas Garrison, the new President of the National Council of Catholic Women, whose home is in Colorado, will be here for the Convention.

Father Holsinger, of Elkhart, the Diocesan Moderator of the Fort Wayne Council, will preach at the Pontifical Mass. Right Rev. Monsignor Hillenbrand, Past Rector of Mundelein College, will speak at the banquet, and Miss Ann Harrigan, Director of Friendship House, Chicago, will speak at the luncheon on Monday. Of course, special instructive and entertaining features will also be a part of the program.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses will synchronize its annual meeting with that of the Diocesan Council, and will have a luncheon meeting of their own following the Pontifical Mass on Sunday.

The chief talks of the Convention will center round its theme which reads "Every Catholic Woman an Apostle."

Come to the convention, therefore, not chiefly to meet former friends, not alone for its instruction and educational value, but for inspiration. Come with a determination of becoming what from the day of your Confirmation God expected you to be, namely, a lay apostle, a valiant soldier in the cause of Christ, who would not have so many enemies in the world today if His

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Statement Demanding Polish Freedom Sent To President

London, April 22—(NC)—The statement issued by the Scottish Committee for Polish Freedom demanding an investigation of the plight of Poland by the UN Security Council, withdrawal of recognition from the present Warsaw government, and withdrawal from Poland of the Red Army and Russian secret police has been forwarded to President Truman in Washington.

The statement was also sent to the British Foreign Office and the Prime Ministers of Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The Committee likewise protested against the postponement, "for the third time within six months," of elections in Poland by the "Soviet-sponsored Government."

Dies Suddenly



The Rev. Fred C. Rothermel, pastor of St. John's Church, St. John, died early Monday of a heart attack. Funeral services will be held at St. John's Church on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Fr. F. C. Rothermel Of St. John, Dies Of Heart Attack

Funeral Services To Be Held Thursday At 9:30; Bishop To Preach

St. John, Ind.—The Rev. Fred C. Rothermel, pastor of St. John's Church here, died early Monday morning at the South Shore Hospital in Chicago of a heart attack suffered Sunday afternoon while he was returning from Chicago to his home. Father had been active until the time of the attack, having officiated at Easter services Sunday.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Church Thursday morning. The Rev. Lawrence Fettig, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Waterloo, and a cousin of Father Rothermel's, will be celebrant of the Solemn Requiem High Mass said in the presence of the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, who will deliver the eulogy.

The clergy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne will assemble at St. John's for the chanting of the Office of the Dead at 9:30 o'clock Thursday and the Mass will begin at 10:00 o'clock.

Father Rothermel had been pastor of St. John's here since February 5, 1939. He was born in Logansport on March 7, 1889, and received his early education at St. Joseph's parochial school there. He attended St. Meinrad's College and Seminary and was ordained by the late Bishop Aldering on June 16, 1916.

Father's first priestly appointment was as assistant at Immaculate Conception Church, Michigan City, and while there he also served as chaplain at the State Penitentiary. On November 11, 1922 Father was transferred to Crown Point and served as assistant there until September 3, 1925, when he was given his first pastorate at St. Joseph's Church, Reynolds. On February 6, 1930, he was transferred to the pastorate at St. Joseph's, Kentland, where he remained for nine years until given his assignment at St. John's here. While in Michigan City Father Rothermel established a system of records for the State Penitentiary, and while at Reynolds erected the priest's house there.

OFFICIAL



Food Drive For War Sufferers

You have been reminded of the second drive for canned goods to be carried on in every parish in the United States—this time for the hungry children throughout Europe and the Far East. Until recently the distribution of such goods was not possible in Germany and a few other places, but today we can bring relief even to the children of these conquered nations. Many organizations are now conducting food drives for the German people, but Catholics are urged to make their contributions through their parish church.

You will be gratified to learn that what is distributed under the auspices of the Catholic Church reaches the suffering through volunteer agencies so that the only cost is for the transportation from each locality to the ships, and the freight charge made by the ships. For instance, in France almost 8,000 Sisters of Charity will distribute relief sent from America. In Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Poland, Austria, Yugoslavia, Italy and Malta, the Catholic Charities Organizations are contributing their services without cost. This is true also in the Philippines and even in North Africa, where the White Fathers and White Sisters will have charge of the distribution. In China, the Chinese Catholic Medical Society and the Chinese Catholic Cultural Association will be the agencies.

The drive is for canned goods and the target is one can from each Catholic, and the drive will run from Mother's Day, May 12, until the following Sunday.

The Reverend Andrew C. Mathieu, assistant to Father Edward Sweigart, will direct the drive in the parishes of the Fort Wayne Diocese.

Attention Pastors:

Recently the National Housing Agency and the Civilian Production Administration, which would conserve building materials chiefly for a large-scale housing program for veterans, has made an exception in favor of "schools, hospitals and places of religious worship." Only recently have the C. P. A. Offices throughout the country been advised in the "Field Processing Instruction" that such institutions may be erected.

This does not mean that every religious institution project will receive approval, but it does mean that they will be regarded as "approvable." A Civilian Production Administrator promised to deal sympathetically with appeals from decisions of local boards, who will be expected to regard churches as being essential—unless they can prove that the particular church or school is not so.

Lenten Collections

The first returns of the Lenten contributions through a special Lenten envelope are coming in rather rapidly.

Since many people gave more than the \$6.00 minimum and less than the \$11.00 maximum, many priests did not know how to divide a \$7.00 or \$8.00 contribution, for instance, and have sent the entire amount to the Bishop's House to be divided as he sees fit—this after retaining the amount indicated on the envelope for the local parish church.

The Bishop is highly gratified with results thus far surveyed, and wishes to thank both the pastors and their good people for a self-inflicted penalty in lieu of the lightening of the Lenten law.

After all returns are in, we shall be very glad to publish a summary of receipts with the allocation to the special causes.

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Cabinet Minister Says Nation Can Be Converted Now

People Are Starving For Religion, But 'Shintoism And Buddhism Are Dead'

BY REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR, S.S.C.

Tokyo, April 22.—(NC Radio)—"Christianity can save Japan."

This observation was made by the youthful cabinet minister, whom some observers regard as the coming man in Japanese public life. He is Wataru Narahashi, 44-year-old minister without portfolio and secretary of the Japanese cabinet. I interviewed him at the Prime Minister's residence and he told me quite frankly:

"Shintoism and Buddhism are dead religions. I am convinced that the Japanese people are starving for religion. Any kind of a vital religious movement in Japan will be successful now. Christianity is the only remedy to save the morale of the people."

Japan's need of the socially vitalizing power of Christianity is a starting point, Mr. Narahashi recalled, which several other figures in Japanese public life have approached during the current critical times.

As a youth, Mr. Narahashi worked in the coal mines and later studied law. At the age of 24, he represented the Tokyo municipality in the law courts of Paris, where he spent 13 years. His European sojourn gave him his trim beard, vivacious manner and ability to speak French.

Although a member of a Buddhist family, he is keenly interested in Christianity, but has not as yet embraced the faith. When he told a newspaper correspondent some weeks ago that Shintoism and Buddhism are dead, the story appeared in the Japanese press and aroused the ire of a number of Shintoists and Buddhists. He told me that he even received threats as a result of the interview.

But when he ran for election as an independent candidate he got hundreds of thousands of votes and won easily in his native Fukuoka. He now has plans for a new party, which would embrace the liberal as well as the conservative elements and the right-wing Social Democrats.

Ruthenian Apostates In Moscow Not Bishops, 'Osservatore' Says

Vatican City, April 22—(NC)—Commenting on Moscow radio reports stating that three "Bishops" of the Ruthenian Church had arrived in the Russian capital to consolidate the "reunion" of the Ruthenian Church with the Orthodox Church, the Voci ed Echi column of Osservatore Romano points out that Gavril Kostelnik, Antonius Pelvetsky, and Mikhail Melnik are not Bishops.

The names mentioned in this dispatch were those given for leaders of a "Committee of Initiative for the Reunion of the Ukrainian Catholic Church with the Orthodox Church" and who signed the manifesto adopted at the "synod" in Lwow last month, which declared the "return" of Ruthenian Rite Catholics in the western Ukraine to the Soviet-dominated Orthodox Church.

Win-The-Peace Group Follows Reds' Resolutions

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in the American Peace Mobilization, which made a spectacular reversal from anti-war to pro-war policy when Russia became involved in World War II.

Among those elected to the national committee were Benjamin F. Davis, Jr., communist member of the New York City Council; Harry Bridges, radical West Coast labor leader; Frederick V. Field, former executive secretary of the American Peace Mobilization; Winifred Norman, of the American Youth for Democracy; and Jo Davidson chairman of the dependent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, an organization claimed by communists.

At one of the conference sessions the name of Herbert Hoover, now visiting Europe as honorary chairman of President Truman's Emergency Famine Committee, was hissed and booed, and a resolution was passed condemning his assignment and demanding his recall.

New York, April 15.—(NC)—A notice sent out by the national board of the Communist Party to state headquarters has affirmed that American Youth for Democracy is to be regarded as the party's successor to the defunct Young Communist League. Frederick Woltman, Scripps-Howard staff writer, has reported here.

The Communist Party itself "let the cat out of the bag," Woltman wrote, and said that its directive was based on a report to its secret National Committee Plenum last February by Max Weiss, national executive secretary of the Young Communist League when the latter was dissolved in October 1943.

He quoted the letter to communist state branches as follows: "Today the most important and effective channels for organizing and promoting effective action of the advanced anti-Fascist youth is the American Youth for Democracy."

Washington, April 15.—(NC)—The decision of the Warsaw regime to establish diplomatic relations with the Spanish exile group, "does not alter our relations with the Polish nation, since Spain has never recognized the Government imposed upon Poland by the Soviet occupation," a statement by the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs released here by the Spanish Embassy avers.

Construct Residence Hall At Notre Dame

Notre Dame—The new residence hall now being constructed on the campus of the University of Notre Dame will be named "Farley Hall," in memory of one of Notre Dame's most beloved figures—the late Rev. John F. Farley, C.S.C., who died in January, 1939, it was announced April 12 by the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., President of the University.

Construction of the new hall, which will complete a quadrangle on the northeast section of the Notre Dame campus, was begun in January of this year and completion is expected for the Fall semester which opens in September.

Class Of Children Confirmed In Arcola

Arcola—Twenty-five children of St. Patrick's church, Arcola, of which the Rev. J. A. Bick is pastor, were confirmed by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4.

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HER CANONIZATION PLANNED



Plans are underway for the canonization ceremonies to be held in St. Peter's Basilica, July 7, when Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini will be raised to the altar of sainthood. Foundress of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she died in Chicago, in 1917. A naturalized U. S. citizen, she was beatified in 1938. The above picture is from an old negative and is believed to be the only original photo of Mother Cabrini. (NC Photos)

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our flesh with its vices and concupiscences."

The congregations to which St. Paul addressed his letters or epistles were constituted wholly of converts either from Judaism or paganism. Hence he found it necessary to warn them repeatedly against a return to the faults of which they were guilty before their conversion. He urged them to "bury the old man" and to keep him buried, and to "rise a new man," and to remain risen. It took years naturally for these people to become familiar with the entire set of teaching of the Catholic religion, but lack of knowledge of details concerning various doctrines and practices was more than offset by the one thing which they were never to lose sight of, namely, that they had become new "creatures," "children of God," that they were destined to live forever with God; that, therefore, they must live worthy of the vocation to which they were called. Any child could understand the implications of just those few fundamental truths, and nothing seems more strange to your spiritual director than that you do not permit these truths to motivate all that you do.

The first Christians—Catholics—were a source of great edification to everybody who observed their better lives. Every Catholic today should also be a source of edification to everyone of his neighborhood, and among his acquaintances. The one thing worthy of the ambition of an immortal person should be the acquisition of the "good things in the land of the living." St. Paul's Easter exhortation is: "If you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above and not the things on earth." That is not only good religious teaching, it is good common sense if you actually believe that during your

life here, to end soon, you can merit glories eternal.

Every person on earth "works for profit" and he needs no stimulation to do that. But on that same principle every person on earth should "work for eternal profit," if the alternative is everlasting ruin.

Again we ask you to be serious in the service of God, which does not mean the loss of any joy. The most cheerful and joyful people in all the world are those who can rightly be that because they are serious in God's service which produces happiness.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

Isabellas Will Send Delegate To South Bend

Gary—Mrs. John Dienes was accepted as a new member of Bishop Noll circle, Daughters of Isabella, at the April 9 meeting in the blue room of the K. of C. building.

Mrs. E. E. Beers, state regent, announced the state convention April 26 to 28 in South Bend and Mrs. Charles Wise, regent, was named delegate from the circle. Mrs. William Jones reported on plans for the May 5 and 6 convention of the National Council of Catholic Women in Fort Wayne and Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Beers were selected as delegates.

A donation of \$25 was voted to the St. Elizabeth Nursery fund. Mrs. Beers won a special prize during the social hour and winners in card games included Mrs. Peter Billick, Mrs. Jay Yocum, Mrs. Evelyn Dugan and Mrs. John Parkins. After voting a Girl Scout campership, plans were made for a benefit project, the money to be given to the Gary Alrding Settlement house. Mrs. Dugan was named chairman of the project.

Nathan Grothouse gave a lenten talk at the meeting. The next social meeting will be April 22 in the K. of C. building with Miss Rosemary Glennon as chairman. Miss Patricia Glennon will be the assisting hostess.

Mother Cabrini To Be First Canonized Of U.S.

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cussed at a meeting of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. The Decree confirming these attributes were issued by the Congregation in December, 1937. This action closed all discussions regarding the personal qualities of the Italian-born nun.

"It is not granted to men to fulfill such great things with their own strength alone," the Decree stated, in describing the undertakings that Mother Cabrini, "fragile in body and in continual bad health, carried out in two hemispheres for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls."

It was reported from Vatican City on March 15, 1938, that the first discussion of the two miracles proposed in the cause of Mother Cabrini had taken place in the Sacred Congregation of Rites. This hearing was followed by two others, and subsequently, on November 13, 1938, Pope Pius XI, confirming the judgment of the Congregation that the miracles were authentic, solemnly beatified, for the first time, a citizen of the United States.

December 22, the day of her death, was fixed as the Feast Day of the beatified nun, to be observed in the Diocese of Lodi, Italy, where she was born; in the Archdiocese of Chicago, where she died; in the Archdiocese of New York, where she is buried, and in all the houses of the religious community she founded. This was done in accord with the regulation that local veneration is permitted of individuals who have been declared Blessed.

In June, 1939, consideration of the cause of the now Blessed Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini for canonization was resumed. In 1940 the two further miracles that are necessary for canonization were approved; at Lodi, Italy in 1939, a case of tuberculosis of the bone had been miraculously healed through her intercession, and a case of bronchial pneumonia and chronic inflammation of the bladder had been similarly cured. Following this, three hearings were held according to the normal procedure, in

March, 1941, July, 1942, and the general hearing of May 4, 1943. On January 11, 1944, in the presence of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, the Sacred Congregation of Rites approved the decree Tuto in the canonization cause.

With her canonization, the name of Blessed Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini will be placed alongside that of 14 other American Saints. Among them are St. Isaac Jogues, St. John de Brebeuf and their six Martyr Companions, French Jesuits who were murdered by the Inquisitors Indians, canonized in 1930; St. Rose of Lima, the first American-born Saint; two other Saints who died in Peru, Sts. Peter Claver and Turibius Alphonsus de Mogrovejo; the Patron of Mexico City, St. Philip of Jesus; and St. Louis Bertrand, the Dominican who labored in the West Indies.

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Church Is Sorely Needed By Society

In Seeking To Cure Men's Ills She Opposes Backers Of Modern Imperialism

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Law Of Force Has No Opposition

The *Wall Street Journal* recently carried an editorial the gist of which supports the argument contained in the address of the Holy Father, part of which is published in the adjoining column. The editor of the *Journal* observed that tyranny still enslaves the world because "the law of force has no opposition." He continues: "That is none (i.e. opposition) because the only nation in the world around which could rally a decent respect to the opinions of mankind is losing its faith. It is becoming ashamed of its traditions . . . The light of freedom for the individual which has heartened men for a century and a half flickers and burns low in a fetid atmosphere from which the sustaining oxygen has been drained."

Why do you not keep your Congressmen mindful of these things?

A leaflet entitled *The Christophers*, published by Father James Keller, of Maryknoll, calls attention to something which we are in a position to verify. In that leaflet the editor reports what he heard from a non-Catholic government official to the effect that nearly 70% of the unofficial mail addressed to the President was coming from subversive elements over the country, and that the President regretted that more good American citizens did not make themselves heard in behalf of good government.

We personally have seen a letter addressed by President Truman to a correspondent who had asked whether most of the mail coming to him did not come from Communists and those who collaborate with them, because they are instructed to write—and never, of course, for the good of the country. The President answered that this was true and that he himself would like to receive more mail, and so would the Congressmen, from people more interested in the preservation of the American way of life.

Revolution Dethroned A King And God

In the March number of the *Reader's Digest* appears an article written by Andre Visson entitled "The New French Revolution." The author refers to the MRP—Mouvement Republicain Populaire—the new political party which was recently founded in France and grew, in a brief time, to be the second largest party.

In his article Visson speaks of this Party as a "new revolution," and then writes: "The Revolution of 1789 brought democracy into France—and many other European countries—but it also opened the gates to a flood of materialism, from which derived the enemies of democracy known as Communism and Fascism."

The French Revolution brought democracy into France only in the sense that it dethroned a king, de-

"THIS is the victory which overcomes the world, our faith" (I John V, 4)—from the Epistle of this Sunday.

On the occasion of the investiture of the new Cardinals in Rome Pope Pius XII spoke eloquently on the mission of the Church and of its absolute need if society is to be regenerated. That society needs to be brought back to God is so evident that you certainly would not want an argument in proof of it. We subjoin a part of the Holy Father's address herewith:

"The Church, has in God, in the God Man, the invisible but unshakable principle of her unity and entirety; of the unity, We mean, of her head and members in the complete fullness of her own life which embraces and sanctifies all that is really human, directing and subordinating their many aspirations and particular aims to the integral and common end of man, which is His likeness in the highest possible degree to God.

"This Church stands out today in the midst of a world torn and divided as a warning, as a standard unto the nations which invites all who do not yet believe to come to her and strengthen her sons in the Faith which they profess; for without God and away from God there cannot be any true, solid, secure unity.

Church's Role In Saving Society

"If then today so many from every side turn in anxious expectancy and trembling hope to the Church and ask her what part she has to play in the salvation of human society, in the establishment of that inestimable blessing, more precious than all treasures, which is lasting internal and external peace, the answer of the Church can be manifold and varied, corresponding to her varied potentialities.

"But the main, definite answer to which all others can be reduced, always remains the unity and completeness of the Church, founded in God and in Christ. Hence the necessity—first for the children of the Church themselves, but also for human society in general—of having clear and exact notions of the influence exercised in practice by this unity and completeness.

"The unity and completeness of the Church made clear by the manifestation of her supra-national character is of great importance for the foundation of life in society. This does not mean that it is the office of the Church to include and somehow embrace, as in a gigantic world empire, all human society. Such a concept of the Church as an earthly empire and world domination is fundamentally false.

"At no time in history has it been true or corresponded to reality unless one persists erroneously in transplanting into past ages the ideas and terminology proper to our own.

Would Reform Society Through Individuals

"The Church—while fulfilling the mandate of her Divine Founder of spreading the Gospel everywhere and of winning over

to the Gospel every creature—is not an empire, especially in the imperialistic sense, such as is now meant by the word. Her progress and expansion are marked by a trend contrary to that of modern imperialism.

"Her development is before all else in depth, then in length and breadth. She seeks out above all man as such. Her study is to form man, to model and perfect in him the divine image. Her work is done in the depth of each man's heart, but has its effects, extending throughout his life, in all his activities. Through men thus formed the Church prepares for human society a basis on which it can rest securely.

"Modern imperialism, on the contrary, goes in just the opposite direction. It does not seek out man as such but the material things and forces to which it subjects man; that is why it carries in it germs which endanger the very foundations of human intercourse.

"Under such circumstances, can one wonder at the present anxiety of peoples for their mutual security? It is anxiety born of an unbridled tendency toward expansion which has within it the gnawing worm of ceaseless unrest, and brings it about that, to each demand made as needed for security there follows another and another without end, the second perhaps more insistent than its forerunner.

Activity Of The Church Within Man

"Moreover, the solidity of foundation would be useless if the structure lacked cohesion and equilibrium. Now the Church also contributes to the cohesion and equilibrium of all the diverse and complex parts of the social structure. Here, too, her activity is, before all else, internal. The props and buttresses built outside a tottering edifice are but a precarious makeshift and cannot do more than delay somewhat its inevitable collapse.

"If the destructive hand of time, which has not spared many more recent monuments, has respected the magnificent Gothic cathedrals of the Thirteenth Century, if they still stand erect above the ruins that surround them, it is because their buttresses provide only an accessory, if precious, contribution from outside to the interior strength of the jointed structure in a pleasing style of architecture as solid and finished as it is daring and graceful. So it is with the Church. She works on what is most intrinsic to man's being, on man in his personal dignity as a free creature, in his infinitely higher dignity as a son of God.

"This man the Church forms and educates because he alone, complete in harmonious combination of his natural and supernatural life, in an orderly development of his instincts and inclinations, his rich qualities and varied reactions, is at the same time the beginning and the end of life in human society, thus also the principle of its equilibrium.

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Atheism Makes For Retrogression Not Progress

Yet It Finds Lodging In Universities And Support In The Press

IN the long history of mankind are recorded many errors to which the human mind fell victim, many strange philosophies, but it records no atheisms, no atheism preachments. True, David, three thousand years ago, referred to those who would like to believe there was no God in order that they might escape accountability to Him. St. Paul also spoke of pagans in his day who "liked not to have God in their knowledge" (Rom. 1, 20). But he declared that they were "inexcusable," because the clearest evidence of God's existence, of His omnipotence and glory was always in front of them. The pagans of antiquity, like those of modern times, might have believed in many gods, but not one disowned the existence of at least one.

The first professed atheists appeared in France during the French Revolution when Voltaire launched a vehement attack on faith as Rousseau did on morals. So novel and destructive was that campaign against God and His religion that a "Reign of Terror" ensued, and France never fully recovered from the shock.

One of atheism's products was Karl Marx, the father of Com-

munist, based on what the author calls a purely "material concept of history." Another product was the author of "The Principles of '89," a work which, because disowning God, repudiates the idea that man has any duties either to God or to the State. He was told he has only rights, and may be a law unto himself. The atheism promoted by such infidel writers took possession not of men's minds but of their lives, and the consequences were necessarily disastrous.

One would suppose that atheism, because it bespeaks only intellectual blindness or moral perversion, should remain pent up in the mind or heart of the unfortunate person. History and experience, however, reveal that atheism is exceedingly vocal, active, and aggressive against God and religion, and bitterly intolerant of all who oppose it. The world is face to face with it just now in the form of atheistic Communism. Beginning with the French Revolution period, atheism organized itself into societies, held conventions, formed political programs for the purpose of arousing zeal among its followers in the direction of the complete destruction of religion and religious establish-

ments. In France, Italy, Latin America, and elsewhere, it formed its own brand of Freemasonry, known as the Grand Orient, and through it fought for the overthrow of the centuries-old Christian educational policy.

Atheism usually establishes itself politically through revolutions—i. e. by force. Revolutions are glorified in our day because people think theoretically and not practically. It is innocently assumed that they are fomented in the breasts of an oppressed people. The Church would defend such revolutions. But revolutionary movements in Latin countries have always been secretly concocted, promoted by deception, and introduced either by violence or threat of great violence.

The French infidel Comte was the founder of the Positivist school of philosophy, copied at Teachers' College, Columbia University, and other schools. In his *Catechism of Positive Religion* he writes: "In the name of the past and future, the servants of humanity, both its philosophical and practical servants, come forward to claim as their due the general direction of this world. . . they exclude once

for all, from political supremacy all the different servants of God, Catholic, Protestant and Deist, as being at once behind-hand and the cause of disturbance." That is only another way of saying that no country should tolerate those who represent God, religion and morality.

Cardinal Manning of England, speaking of the several revolutions engineered by aggressive atheists of France, wrote in his essay *The Revolt of Society from God*: "The first rising in 1789 was a rising against the King and those that surrounded him; the next rising in 1838 and 1848 was of the middle class against those who were immediately above them; but the rising now is the rising of the masses, of the multitudes, who having been neglected, outcast and therefore morally outlawed have been robbed of their Christian education. They have grown up a terrible generation to be the scourge and overthrow of civil society." Do you not see the present-day society pictured in the Cardinal's observations? Yet he wrote those words seventy-five years ago, when England and the United States enjoyed their greatest peace.

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Washington Letter

Installation Of Communism In Spain,
Not Hatred Of Totalitarianism,
Seen As Motive Of Pressure Groups

If It's 'Un-Democratic' Regime They Are Opposing, What About Russia? Observers Ask—Effect On Latin America Weighed

BY J. J. GILBERT

Washington, April 22.—It has been interesting, and a little disturbing, to some observers to note the alacrity, enthusiasm and even deliberation with which elements in this country have loudly expressed the hope that Soviet Russia might somehow "steam roller" the United States and Great Britain, and force the United Nations to "go all the way" against the Franco government in Spain.

If one expresses surprise that individuals and groups should be so quick to side with a foreign power in opposing this country's policy, such a person is likely to be accused of excessive nationalism. Unfortunately, if the demonstrators cry out soon enough, loudly enough and often enough they can make this charge stick in the minds of some people. It would seem, though, that the demonstrators are the ones who are excessively attached to a cause, a cause which is a foreign ideology.

It certainly cannot be argued that these demonstrators are opposing the United States because of devotion to principle. Any principle that would be involved in the move against the Franco government would be at stake many times over in the machinations of the Soviet Russian regime, both at home and in eastern Europe. Yet, these demonstrators are not clamoring for the UN organization to take any steps against Russia.

David Lawrence, distinguished Washington columnist, has helped to expose the false position of such demonstrators by pointing out that Mr. Lange, the representative of the present Warsaw regime, "doesn't realize the precedent he is setting" in asking for the action against the Franco government. Because, Mr. Lawrence says, if the Security Council takes the action Mr. Lange and Russia want it to take, "the way is opened some day to examine the government at Moscow."

Mr. Lawrence takes the position that the United States and Great Britain acted wisely in agreeing to "look into" the Polish proposal to examine the case of Franco and Spain. He says "totalitarianism is a threat to world peace wherever it shows its head—whether in Spain or Argentina or Russia," and "surely if Franco's Spain is a subject for examination by the United Nations Security Council—then some day a small nation somewhere which finds itself threatened by a communist invasion can ask that the tactics and strategy of Moscow also be examined by the Security Council."

But, apparently, those in this country who are pressing most vigorously for strong and complete action against the Franco regime in Spain have no thought in their minds that the United Nations will ever be permitted to take such action against totalitarian Russia. They still speak of Russia as though it were a democracy.

It can hardly be said that those who have been most persistent in vociferating for the United Nations to unhorse Generalissimo Franco are interested solely, or even chiefly, in fighting totalitarianism. If they were, they have an example of totalitarianism par excellence in Soviet Russia.

It can't possibly be that they think Franco is, or at any time soon will be, guilty of acts of aggression. If it is aggression they are worried about, why not let the Iranian question be aired? Why not investigate the plight of the Baltic States, Poland and the Balkans?

One widely-circulated commentator has referred to Spain as the last fascist state in Europe. One wonders what he understands by fascist.

If one goes on asking questions like these, the matter seems to narrow itself down to an effort to create a crisis, even chaos, in Spain, with the thought that a communist regime could be installed there. And it looks like the only way this can be done is for outside nations to intervene in the internal affairs of Spain.

And that raises a consideration which extends to this continent. What will be the reaction of Latin-

American countries if the so-called Big Powers crash into Spain (in a manner of speaking) and recklessly meddle in the internal affairs of that country, thus giving rise to a communist government there? The argument that the Big Powers were hunting down totalitarianism won't do. At least not while Russia is the kind of "democracy" it is.

No, that isn't likely to fool the countries of Latin America one bit. Besides, they've been "intervened" before, and they know what it's like. If "intervening" starts again, they can well argue, who knows what day, or hour, it will start again with them? So, Latin America, as well as the real democracies of Europe, watch with a great deal more interest than some Americans can understand, the course the Spanish question will take in the United Nations.

Life Of Mother Cabrini To Be Broadcast On Ave Maria Hour On July 7th

Garrison, N. Y., April 22—(NC)—A radio dramatization of the events which led to the Sainthood of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, first citizen of the United States to be raised to the Altar, will feature a broadcast of the Ave Maria Hour radio program on Sunday, July 7, her canonization day, it has been announced by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement of Graymoor Monastery, producer of the program.

Admiral Of British Fleet Visits Portuguese Cardinal

Lisbon, April 22—(NC)—The HMS Nelson and five destroyers of the British Fleet paid a week's visit to Lisbon and more than 100 Catholic officers and men of the crew attended a Solemn High Mass offered by the Rev. Robert Catterall, senior chaplain of the Home Fleet, at the English College here.

Admiral Syrett, of the fleet, paid a visit to His Eminence Manoel Cardinal Goncalves Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon. He was accompanied by the British Ambassador to Portugal, Sir Owen O'Malley, and Father Catterall.

Medalist



Henry Ford II, head of the Ford Motor Company, who has been named recipient of the 1946 Christian Culture Award of the Assumption College, Windsor, Ont. The medal is bestowed annually on an "outstanding lay exponent of Christian Ideals." Mr. Ford is a convert to Catholicism. (NC Photos)

FIRST U. S. CITIZEN SAINT



This statue of Mother Cabrini, first American citizen raised to the altar of sainthood in the Catholic Church, was carved by Enrico Tadolini, noted Italian sculptor, and will be placed in St. Peter's Basilica on the occasion of her formal canonization, July 7. Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, who founded the Institute of Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, came to New York from Italy in 1899, and died in Chicago in 1917. Her remains repose in the chapel of the Mother Cabrini High School, New York City. She was beatified in 1938. (NC Photos)

Digest of Catholic News

Lithuanian Relief Group Observes Anniversary

New York, April 22—(NC)—The United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc., has observed the second anniversary of its registration with the President's War Relief Control Board. During that period, the fund has received \$1,415,356 in cash and goods to be used in the relief of Lithuanian war victims, Joseph B. Laucka, executive director, announced.

Ceylon Papal Seminary Must Refuse Students, Priest Says

New York, April 22—(NC)—The Papal Seminary at Kandy, Ceylon, has been forced to close its doors to all new students because of lack of funds, the Rev. Paul J. Joehl, S.J., professor at the seminary, related here at the national office of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Father Joehl has returned to the United States after an absence of 15 years to solicit the aid of his countrymen in helping the Papal Seminary. He left this country as a young scholastic and was ordained in India.

Fr. Plassmann Will Visit Germany As Visitor-General

St. Bonaventure, N. Y., April 22—(NC)—The Very Rev. Thomas Plassman, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure College, will leave for Europe by plane on May 10 on a visit in his capacity as Visitor-General of the Holy Cross Franciscan province. The province is located in Saxony and Westphalia, Germany. Father Plassmann will visit each friar and monastery of the community in that province.

Vermont School Children To Sing At Sunday Masses

Hyde Park, Vt., April 22—(NC)—Some 8,000 boys and girls of the elementary schools of the Burlington diocese will sing at Masses in various parishes throughout Vermont on Sundays following

Easter, the Rev. William A. Crowley, diocesan superintendent of schools, has announced.

The musical program will emphasize the Gregorian Chant and will include four hymns in modern liturgical style and one verse of the national anthem.

Boys Town Director Plans Air Trip To Ireland

Boys Town, Neb., April 22—(NC)—Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, founder and director of Boys Town, will make an air journey to his native Ireland in June, visiting schools and corrective institutions there, it has been announced.

Bishop Of Victoria Named Auxiliary At London, Ont.

Ottawa, April 22—(NC)—The Most Rev. John C. Cody, Bishop of Victoria, B.C., has been named Titular Bishop of Elatea and Coadjutor to the Most Rev. John Thomas Kidd, Bishop of London, Ont.

Bishop Cody is a native of Ottawa, Ont., where he was born on December 16, 1899. He was ordained in 1923, and named Bishop of Victoria on January 5, 1937. He is noted as a preacher of retreats and speaks French and English with equal fluency.

British Army Approves Catholic Action Course

London, April 22—(NC)—The British Army has officially recognized a Catholic leadership course for Catholic officers and men at Milan, Italy, under the direction of the Rev. Stanislaus Savage, British Army chaplain.

The course, which aims at training men for Catholic Action, lasts ten days and opens with a short retreat. Upon return to their units the men form groups which meet once a week to discuss Catholic Action as applied to their particular circumstances. The Royal Air Force has had similar courses for some time.

Bishop Woznicki, Back From Poland, Tells Of Suffering

Urges Fullest Support Of Coming Food Campaign By War Relief Services

New York, April 22—(NC)—"For many children in Poland, their only meal is the one given to them in school, often consisting of bread, a little lard, and a cup of coffee," stated Bishop Stephan S. Woznicki of Detroit, upon his return from Poland after a three and a half months tour of the country for relief planning purposes.

Bishop Woznicki, who is a member of the Board of American Relief for Poland, arrived in Warsaw in bitterly cold January of this year, to see families living in holes dug in the ground, with earth-covered boards serving as roofs, and with five-inch panes of glass at the top providing the only light and air.

"One of the dug-outs, which I will never forget, was occupied by a widowed mother and nine children. These and other little ones were clad in greasy rags which cannot be called clothes," he said.

"Day after day," the Bishop explained, "the children of Poland exist mainly on a soup made from potato peelings and potatoes. It is expected that in May, June and July, even these will not be available, and stark famine hangs over the Polish population."

In addition to such conditions of terrible want, the Bishop saw even more pitiable cases—the uncounted children crippled and maimed for life by bombs and exploding mines, and the tragic orphans of Poland who number more than a million. About half of all the children in Poland are already affected with tuberculosis, and about 20 per cent have active tuberculosis. In some cities, like Danzig, 90 per cent of the little children already are racked with this dread disease.

It is these innocent little sufferers whose faces lit up with joy when the foods sent by American Relief for Poland and War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference arrived in the towns and villages of Poland.

"I have seen the children joyously holding up boxes of cocoa, many of them seeing it for the first time in their lives," he said. "In one school, in a class of 100 girls only one girl had a glass of milk during the entire week preceding the day that I arrived. They begged for foods, especially soups, milk, and chocolate."

"After being witness to such sights," the Bishop said, "I was exceedingly happy to learn that the Catholic Bishops of the United States, on Mother's Day, May 12, will start a nation-wide campaign for food for the children of Europe. This will be a God-send and a great act of charity, and I am sure every American of Polish extraction will not only share but will make a real sacrifice."

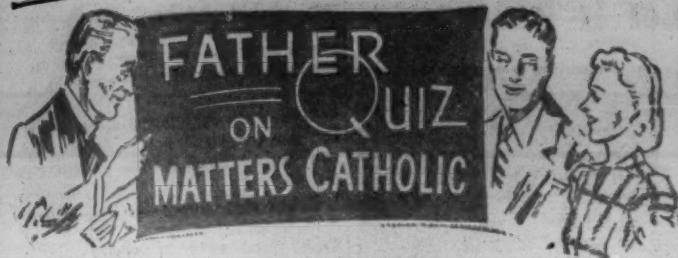
Press Convention In Boston Set For May 23-25

Milwaukee, April 22—(NC)—The 35th annual convention of the Catholic Press Association of the United States will take place May 23-25 at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, according to an announcement by the executive board of the organization.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston had again extended an invitation to hold the meeting in that city, after similar plans in 1945 had to be canceled because of war-time transportation difficulties.

This year's convention will open with a Pontifical Low Mass on Thursday, May 23, and the banquet will be held on the same evening. The consecration of the Catholic press to the Sacred Heart is scheduled to take place on Friday evening, May 24, in one of the city's churches.

The Rev. John Sexton, editor of The Pilot, is chairman of the convention committee and he urges all who plan to attend to make hotel reservations at the earliest possible moment.



In what degree is Africa Christian?

It is not Christian to any great extent. Its population (close to 150,000,000) is slightly larger than that of the United States, although the continent of Africa has about three times the area of the United States. Only 7,000,000 of Africa's population are Catholic; about 3,000,000 are Protestant; about 9,000,000 are schismatic, having the Mass, the Seven Sacraments, etc., and 44,000,000 are Mohammedans. The remainder of the population (about 90,000,000) is still pagan, having a vague belief in a Supreme Being.

North Africa was during the fourth and fifth centuries quite Catholic. St. Augustine had his Episcopal See at Carthage, and it was the cradle of a number of saints. Egypt was at one time largely Catholic. But the faith was destroyed in North Africa when the area was overrun by the vandals during a period of more than 100 years, beginning with the year 425. But the Church was re-established and flourished until it was invaded by Mohammedans in the year 640. Today Egypt is 90% Mohammedan, while it has about 1,000,000 Euty-chians, followers of a heresy and schism propagated by Eutyches who taught that Christ had only one nature.

St. Francis of Assisi sent some men of his new founded Order to Morocco in the year 1219, and they were martyred.

Catholic missionary activity at present is very fruitful in the central part of Africa, where as many as a thousand converts a day were received into the Church before the war.

In South Africa Catholics number

about 516,000 among 12,796,000 people.

Today 3,500 foreign missionaries and 450 native priests; 8,000 foreign and 2,000 native Sisters; 2,000 foreign and 375 native brothers, and 45,000 Catechists work in Africa—all assisted by your contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Because of his excessive cruelty, I have taken my children, left my husband, and gone home to live with my mother. My husband turned our home into a hell, such that it was no fit place for man or beast. Am I not justified in this?

A question such as this should always be taken up with one's confessor. The Bishop must be consulted before married persons may separate.

Separation is a serious step and a last resort. It renders impossible the purposes for which Christ instituted the Sacrament of Matrimony. In addition, it exposes both parties to the danger of adultery, and to the danger of attempting a second marriage; it deprives the children of the normal home life which is their due.

Certainly no one should undertake such a step on his own responsibility. A joint consultation with the pastor might bring about a reconciliation; your husband, for instance, might be persuaded to reform his conduct.

As things stand now, any confessor might well refuse you absolution, since—if you are at fault in any way—you are doing your husband an injustice, defrauding him of what you promised by your marriage vows.

The Bishop may permit separation where there has been adultery; where one of the parties has left the Faith and joined a Protestant or infidel sect; where one of the parties tries to bring up the children outside the Faith; where one of the parties leads a scandalous, criminal, or disgraceful life; or where one of the parties causes serious danger to the other's body or soul—and this last would seem to cover your case.

In any event, the matter must be submitted to the Bishop. That is done through the Pastor or confessor. In some cases, the Bishop may permit even a civil divorce if it be necessary to insure alimony, divide property, etc.

But whether it be a case of separation or divorce, the bond of marriage remains intact until the death of either party. That is, separated or divorced, neither is free to remarry.

The best thing for you to do is to talk your problem over with your pastor. He will be able to give you further advice.

What is the attitude of the Catholic Church on the so-called "second coming of Christ? Will it be

a spiritual or a material coming? When and how will He appear?

The Catholic Church believes that following the destruction of the world, and the resurrection of the dead, Christ will appear as Judge. This is very clearly expressed in the gospel of St. Matthew, 25th Chapter, 31st Verse. He will naturally come as He now exists in Heaven, with the glorified and spiritualized body in which He rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven. Holy Scripture tells us He will come "with great power and majesty."

If you mean by the "second coming of Christ," the teaching, prevalent in many sects, that Christ will come to earth and live here for a thousand years, I would answer that the Catholic Church does not accept that doctrine. There is no trace of the Millennium in either the Gospels or the Epistles. It is vaguely referred to in some of the prophetic books of the Old Testament which too often are to be given a figurative interpretation, and in Revelations (XX, 4-7) but in that book St. John, as you hardly need to be informed, speaks very mysteriously about many things.

St. Augustine believes that "the thousand years" was an expression that merely covered the period between the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of the dead, or, in other words, the period during which Christ lived with His Kingdom, the Church, here on earth.



By John P. Mulgrew ("Jazbo of Old Dubuque") America's Most Widely Unread Columnist

"I, Too, Have Known"

Into a dim-lit chapel At the close of a trying day, A woman, tired and weary, Came to rest and to pray.

The softly flickering candles Seemed to soothe her troubled mind, And one by one the cares of the world Seemed to ebb and be left behind.

The wavering light from those candles Piercing the quiet gloom Picked out a Figure upon a Cross In that restful, holy room.

Then a message of healing comfort The weight from her soul seemed to take, Whisp'ring "Remember, I, too, have known What it means for a heart to break!"

Then the woman arose and went her way With strength for another morn, For hope lived again within her breast, And courage had been re-born!

What! It has been suggested that one way to save food in the current crisis would be to cut down on banquet menus. What! no creamed chicken patties or green peas! Let's not change everything all at once.

O, Come Now And it's a gentleman from Wilmette who, apparently, doesn't like the present administration in Washington, who comes up with the guess that it will go down in history as the "Age Of Delerium Trumans." Now is that nice?

Could Be A gentleman, very much "under the influence," as they used to say, was weaving uncertainly down Main street. "Maybe," observed Eva Welsh sympathetically, "he's just a little something left over from 'The Lost Week-End.'"

Pet Project A pet project of the St. Jude Society, composed of 5,000 Chicago policemen, is sending boys to Mommence to study for the priesthood. So don't ever get the idea, lads, that coppers are only interested in sending you to a reformatory.

What's In A Name? And then we have the more or less naive Chicago lady who

thought the play, "Deep Are The Roots," was a drama of the trials and tribulations of a practising dentist.

Crisis

One has four pairs of Nylons, The other lady has none, If the one with the four had held her peace

The quarrel would not have begun; But she couldn't resist the yen to crow

At the good luck that came her way,

Then the other lady made a remark—

Whoopee, my dears, hey! hey!

So now, it seems, they're not friends and more, They pass with never a smile on, And all because of these heated words

Over hosiery fashioned from Nylon.

I'm beginning to think if relief doesn't come

It will soon be a national issue.

Whole families will turn on each other

O'er as fragile a thing as that tissue!

The Catch In It

Getting in touch with the moon mightn't be so bad of itself, but just think of all those movies and adventure yarns and radio scares about it that we'll be deluged with for the next—who knows HOW long? Ho-hum.

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Rev. Frank J. Hulsman, Missionary St. Augustine's Indian Mission, Winnebago, Nebraska

Right OR Wrong

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throne God, and invited all the victims of atheistic propaganda to direct all the affairs of state. Mr. Visson refers to the French infidel writers as "philosophers." An atheist and an infidel cannot be a philosopher. Even the noted pagan philosophers of antiquity, unacquainted with divine revelation, which is the greatest support of philosophers, believed in a Supreme Being. Virgil wrote that the chief function of philosophy is "to learn the causes of things." Tracing secondary things back far enough one necessarily reaches the First Cause, which true philosophers call God.

Democracy's Bulwark

Andrew Visson, however, sees in the MRP the savior of democracy by "reviving religious faith as a bulwark against materialism." He notes that "although some 36,000,000 of the 40,000,000 Frenchmen are Catholic by birth, perhaps only 12,000,000 could be described as Catholic by conviction."

The wonder is that there are even that many because, for several generations, instruction in religion in France was banned from the schools, and education was not only completely secularized, but was made positively anti-religious.

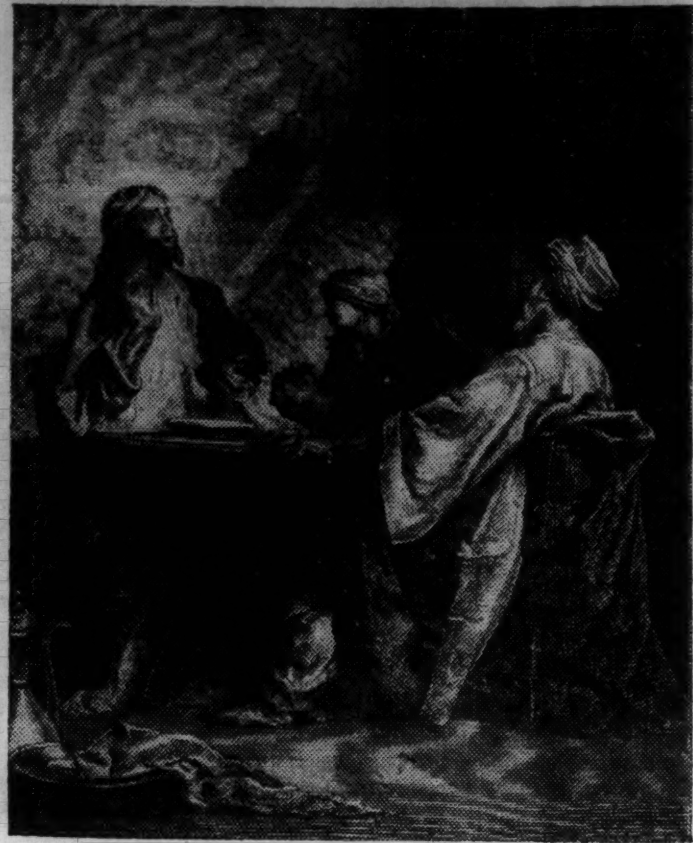
He says that the MRP "wants to prove to the French people—as well as to those Europeans and Latin Americans who have accepted the anti-clerical trends of the French Revolution—that religion is not only compatible with the democracy, but indispensable to its development." The fact is, of course, that there can be no true democracy without religion as a foundation. That is why there has been no true democracy in Russia during the past twenty-five years, and why there could not have been any true democracy under Hitler and even under Mussolini.

It is too bad that editors of newspapers and magazines in the United States, that newspaper columnists and radio broadcasters, are not philosophers in the true sense, so that they might the better understand the basis of democracy and perceive that communism, for which they express so much sympathy, is the very antithesis of democracy. Man can have no inalienable rights without God; he can have no rights whatsoever under a totalitarian state except those which the state wishes to confer on him; he cannot be the maker of the state but only its slave.

Another Move To Awaken Hollywood

Jimnie Fidler, although he has no connection with the Legion of Decency, and may not, for all we know, ever see the list of films disapproved by this organization, is probably the greatest help to the cause which the Legion is designed to serve. We have often quoted him in these columns, but on April 5 he commended the Sioux City, Iowa, Movie Chairman of the Parent-Teacher Association, who has perfect cooperation from all the movie theatres, because she has the full

The Disciples And Jesus At Emmaus



And behold, two of them went that same day to a town which was sixty furlongs from Jerusalem, named Emmaus. And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

And it came to pass, that, while they talked and reasoned with one another, Jesus Himself also drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were held, that they should not know Him. And He said to them: What are these discourses that you hold one with another as you walk, and are sad? And the one, whose name was Cleophas, answering, said to Him: Art Thou alone a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things that have been done there in these days?

And He said to them: What things? And they said: Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, Who was a Prophet, mighty in work and word, before God and all the people; and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we hoped that it was He Who should have redeemed Israel, and now, besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

Yea and certain women also of our company affrightened us, who, before it was light, were at the sepulchre: And, not finding His body, came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who say that He is alive. And some of our people went to the sepulchre; and found it so as the women had said: but Him they found not.

Then He said to them: O foolish, and slow of heart to believe in all the things which the prophets have spoken! Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into His glory?

And beginning from Moses, and all the prophets, He expounded to them, in all the Scriptures, the things that were concerning Him. And they drew nigh to the town whither they were going; and He made as though He would go farther. But they constrained Him, saying: Stay with us, because it is towards evening; and the day is now far spent. And He went in with them.

And it came to pass, whilst He was at table with them, He took bread, and blessed, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened; and they knew Him: and He vanished out of their sight. —Luke 24, 13-31.

cooperation of all the people of Sioux City, in keeping out of the community motion pictures which would have an unwholesome influence on children. Mr. Fidler quotes Mrs. Mary Helms, the Movie Chairman of Sioux City, as follows:

"The corn grows tall in Iowa, but we're not asleep under its stalks. Here is what Sioux City is doing to combat the inferior-movie-for-children situation, a project which, according to your columns, is dear to your heart."

"The local movie managers very co-operatively supply the PTA movie chairman with advance lists of their booked movies. We check them carefully, using the excellent reviews in *Parents' Magazine* and *The National Parent-Teacher Magazine* as references. We compile a list of current approved films, and this list is taken home monthly by every school child in Sioux City. The managers are cognizant of the fact that we do not recommend any approved movie if it is booked with

a co-feature not approved! Therefore, we feel, lies the value of the plan. The parents feel perfectly confident in choosing their child's film fare from the approved lists, and this PTA service has been highly lauded throughout the city."

"We are fully aware, however, that enforced bookings are responsible for such ill-chosen double features as 'Bandit of Sherwood Forest' with 'One Way to Love,' and 'Sunbonnet Sue' with 'Scarlet Street.' It seems local managers have no say at all in their first-run bookings. So Mrs. J. Lush, Iowa State PTA legislature chairman, is recommending to the Iowa State legislature, laws to combat this booking monopoly, and we hope to spread the Sioux City movie supervision project to include, eventually, all PTA groups in the state. Perhaps between the two plans we can lick this thing."

Mr. Fidler comments: "Congratulations to the Sioux City PTA. Movements like this will awaken Hollywood producers to the knowledge that their first allegiance should be to the children of our country—not to box offices."

Reds Take Leadership In Relief Agencies

We have also quoted George E. Sokolsky very often in these columns in defense of the truest form of Americanism and in condemnation of the many public persons who are Americans last. In his column of April 4, 1946, he pointed out that our government has opposed too long the sending of relief to some of the poverty-stricken countries of Europe, and especially such relief as might be sent by relatives here to relatives there. Evidently the ones who feel most keenly the sufferings and privation of others are their own relatives.

Then Mr. Sokolsky notes that re-

lief in the form of money or food gathered by organizations, fraternal or religious, for their own nationals abroad has been permitted only when such organizations merge their efforts with other organizations for which the former could have no sympathy because of their Communist complexion. He cites the American Hungarian Relief, Inc.

He calls attention to the fact that the Institute for International Democracy, which has been mandated for relief work "is one of the enterprises of Frederic V. Field, of *The Daily Worker* and *The New Masses*."

Mr. Sokolsky mentions the names of the different organizations comprising the Institute for International Democracy. They are, according to him, the following:

Council for Pan American Democracy;

Hungarian-American Council for Democracy;

Council on African Affairs;

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born;

Citizens Victory Committee for Harry Bridges;

Victory Council of the Foreign Language Press;

Voice of Fighting Spain;

National Council of Hungarian American Trade Unionists.

Says Sokolsky:

"I have before me a document which purports to be a report by John Lautner, Member of the Board of Directors of the International Workers Order, a Communist front organization, in which he says:

"Outside of the IOW and the Rakoczy, all the Hungarian fraternal and church organizations are members by affiliation of the American Hungarian Federation. The leadership of the organization is in the hands of the most reactionary elements of the Hungarian community."

"Yet, the President's War Relief Control Board practically forced those who belonged to 'the reactionary elements,' by which he meant decent, normal Americans with church membership, to accept on their own Board of Directors those who belong to antagonistic organizations. Does it make sense?"

It's Illustrated And In Color

Since they started tearing down the old Minneapolis "Exposition" building some weeks ago one old resident has never left watching. He explains that he was there in the 80's when the cornerstone was laid and that no one has a better right to sample the bottle of Scotch-liqueur he saw them seal inside. He is making sure he's there when that seal is broken.

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Heaven Has A Hardwood Door

BY AGNES BINSFIELD

THE whistles sounded; confetti showered down; riotous celebrating rang out; jubilation reigned. The war was over. Victory was won. There came peace, and with it came problems. Everybody talked about these problems, but few really cared. The war was won; the boys were coming home. Let everyone rejoice. Returned servicemen wanted gaiety to erase the sordidness they had seen. Civilians, thankful that the guns had ceased their slaughter, desired to play hard and blot out any thought of future wars or troubles. Child-like, all wished to seize the chance to be happy at home with their sons and daughters and friends, with no thought of enemies.

But slowly, inevitably, people are coming to realize that Pope Pius

XII's prayer for a "just and lasting peace" has not been secured. Now as they read of conferences and conditions abroad, they doubt whether their war allies can be trusted as peace allies. There are strikes at home. Discontent among the working classes grows more apparent. Reconstruction is hard and rough. Catholic ideas on justice, in fact on anything, are not in the fore. There are more mixed marriages, more divorces, more juvenile delinquency, bad films, filthy books, cheating and trickery in the high places, increasing tendencies on the part of Catholics to follow the modern, godless trend in clothes, in talk, in action, and in thought.

Cold Reality

It sounds very depressing when summed up, particularly when the fact is added that anti-Catholic movements to undermine the Faith are prevalent and progressing. This is not being pessimistic; it is being prudent. Let every weak Catholic declare the above facts untrue and go back to playing make believe. He'll be sorry to discover that Heaven is reality, hard, cold reality, and wishing or pretending won't open its doors. Let every strong Catholic face the facts and face them fearlessly.

Yes, let every strong Catholic face these problems with the will to do something about them. For a Catholic can do something about them. A Catholic has an unerring, unalterable, standard by which to judge every thought, word, and action. He possesses the knowledge of eternal Truth. He need not go floundering aimlessly debating whether a certain act is right or wrong. He isn't walking in a maze of doubt, nodding complacently at opposite ideas. He knows what is right with a definiteness that laughs at change. Above all, a Catholic has a purpose for every breath he inhales.

No Enigma

He doesn't have to wonder what it's all about, what is the worth of suffering and of dying, of gaining a peace that may be unending. He need not run at a wild pace or get drunk every week to chase away thoughts of the meaning of life and what might happen to him when this life ends. He knows why he is here, where he is going, and how he can get there. And how utterly priceless is this realization!

That's the point! The realization. How many Catholics do realize what they have? So many treat their Faith as an obligation to hear Mass on Sunday when they prefer

to be out golfing. They consider it a hindrance to pleasure as taught by paper Hollywood. They don't take time out to think that it is the only real thing in their lives. A Catholic awakens in the morning, offers his day to Christ, and, if he lives his day accordingly, actually lives his Faith, he retires at night knowing that he has made a gain toward Supreme Happiness that lasts forever. His day has been worthwhile. His whole life may be directed in this manner, day by day in this simple, trusting way, to Christ. He lives for Christ. His every thought, word, and action is directed toward an eternal goal. Simply stated, there is a reason for having been born.

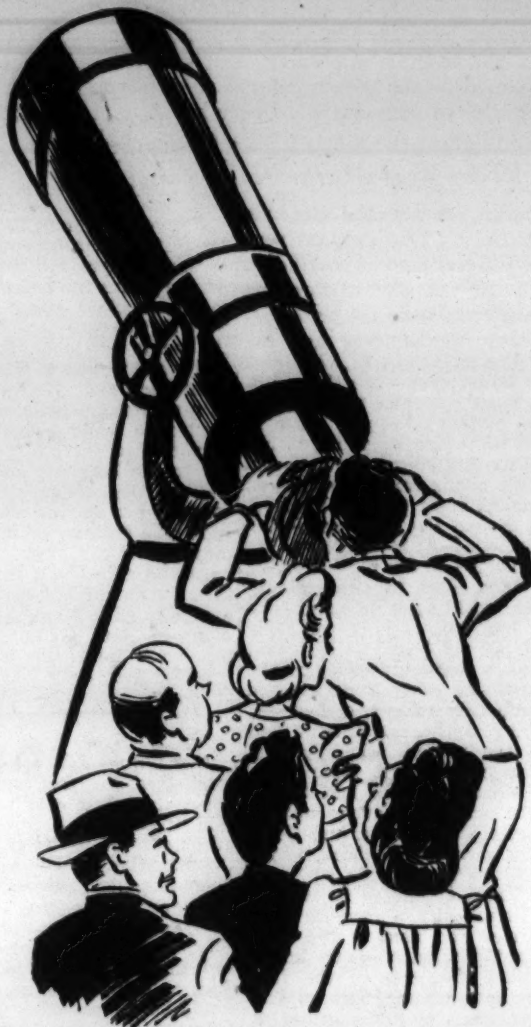
Now what duty does a real Catholic have toward his fellowmen? When he actually lives his Faith, the effect upon others is as tremendous as a cake of yeast in a pan of bread dough. This doesn't mean that a Catholic must quote Scripture or pull out his rosary every other minute or make himself appear fanatical by an obnoxious show of religion. No, living the Faith requires a simple, quiet, confident, courageous, consistent practice of the Truths of Christ.

Means This

Practically speaking, it means this: assisting at Mass with the realization that the Mass is the Unbloody Sacrifice of Calvary and that Jesus Christ is present there; Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity; being strong enough to refute the pagan ideas regarding birth control, mixed marriage, and divorce instead of calmly accepting them in conversation. It means backing, not bucking the Legion of Decency; holding out in business for fair play; exercising charity in the home, the office, the school; doing a kind deed without thought of thanks; taking an active role in parish functions; getting the Catholic viewpoint on social problems by reading Catholic papers and magazines instead of believing every radical or high-sounding commentator and editor; praying the family rosary; disdaining pagan trends in books and clothes; bringing the Holy Family into the home, the school, and the factory, by biting back the impatient, unkind remark and replacing it with a considerate and cheerful word; accepting crosses, be they large or little, as a means of saving one's soul rather than as something to whine or gripe about.

And This

It means doing one's job, whatever it be, well; being ever con-



scious of the immortal value of one's own soul and of every soul; thanking God daily for revealing Himself to man through the Catholic Faith; making a determined effort through prayer, reading, meditation and good works to draw closer to God every day; being happy with the happiness of God Himself.

True, it is a big order, living one's Faith. But gaining Heaven requires that a big order be carried out. Everyone admires entertainers like Joe E. Brown who did so much to foster morale during the war. All think highly of Bing Crosby for his efforts to help the Sister Kenney campaign. People respect those who work so hard for Community Chest, Red Cross, and Relief Drives. Yet a soldier's high morale didn't prevent the bullet from piercing his heart; an infantile paralysis victim can be cured to lead a life of sin and a hell of agony; the bodily pains of the poor and needy may be alleviated but their minds may never find peace.

How great then is the work of every Catholic in spreading the Truth that can save souls for everlasting happiness. Is there any comparison between curing a body for even an extra long life of eighty years and helping send a soul to Heaven for an eternity?

Yes, the task is there. No Catholic, boy or girl, man or woman, can disregard it. Each must start with his or her own soul. Take time out and have the courage to compare sixty-three years (the average life-span) to eternity. Then let each in his own state of life, in his own niche wherever it may be, begin to live his Faith. Then he will be doing his part and a great part toward reconditioning the world. And he need not fear atomic bombs, persecutions, revolutions, because he'll be in good standing with the most powerful force either on the earth or off it. He may be happy every day, and die with the knowledge that he has more than just a nodding acquaintance with his Host in Heaven.

The Hi-Angle



Get Set

By Mary Jane Baldwin

THERE are two equally trite beginnings for this column. Number one: the after-dinner speaker's touch, "This brings to mind a story I once heard about . . ." Number two: "I heard a story about a certain Irishman . . ." Take your pick. This is the story. (You draw your conclusions, and I'll draw one for both of us, just in case.) Incidentally, we heard it from a retreatmaster! That should be the final touch.

There was a certain Irishman—whose name might well have been O'Toole—who had fallen into the evil of all evils—apostasy. He had fallen—as we murmur in whispers and with raised eyebrows—"away." The tragedy of such a fall only a Catholic could appreciate. O'Toole, it seems, had wandered south and joined a Baptist congregation. This particular group was still strong on "immersion"; so, like the rest of his confreres, robed in white, Mr. O'Toole waded into mid-stream for the ceremony. One after another was "immersed" with a great display of emotion and vocal prayer. O'Toole, too, was plunged beneath the surface, and, as the process ended, he heard the minister say, "Brother O'Toole, for the love of God, PRAY!" Startled and bewildered, the Irishman automatically and unconsciously burst into a loud and hearty "Hail, Mary, full of grace!"

How deeply the devotion to Our Lady had been inculcated in this "certain Irishman" is evident—although it quite probably was too external, too much on the surface. How about you? What have you stored up subconsciously or consciously of devotion to Mary, Virgin, Queen, and Mother? Enough to keep you ready to turn to her in any necessity or in any joy? Enough to keep you "in" and to keep you from ever "falling away"? What do you know about Mary? What do you feel about her? What do you think about her?

I think the Irishman came to his senses there in the midst of the brownish river water and went back to the Church where he knew he belonged. That's part of the story, too. Mary will not let her clients down—no matter how miserable they become, if they look back at her, she will pray and pray for them.

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KEEP YOUR EYES OFF THE ROAD

BY BOB DOWNER

BRANCKY could do everything else on the obstacle course without any trouble at all. The hurdles, the scaling wall, balancing rail, monkey ladder, were all cinches for him, but he couldn't get over the vault no matter how hard he tried.

For five minutes he asked questions, practised style, bounced on his toes and swung his legs. "Which hand do you use? Which foot do you jump off with? Do you straighten your leg or bend it?"

There was a whole squad of us waiting for him. Finally the squad leader became impatient. "Look, suppose you've lost your rifle and somebody runs at you with a bayonet, so you decide to put a fence between you and him. Are you going to stop to figure out whether you should keep your leg straight or bend it? Forget about that crossbar and forget about your form. Just get on the other side."

Branky did, and he took the



barrier as easily as he had done the other things.

Branky, in some ways, is typical of all Americans. We are famous for wanting to know how. We are the reason that "how-to-do-it" books outsell other kinds. And sometimes, like Branky, we give too much attention to the how. We are so interested in methods and obstacles that we lose sight of objectives.

The obstacle course that I spoke

of is a good place for observing character. It is a parallel to life, and you can spot immediately all of the men who keep their eyes on the objectives, because they come through first. The men who keep their eyes on the obstacles are the chronic worriers in civilian life, the guys who "make things tough for themselves."

Instead of concentrating on getting over the hurdles, they concentrate on the hurdles and kick the crossbar. When they broad jump, instead of looking at the landing spot, they keep their eyes on the pit and wind up there. Instead of looking at the opposite end of the balancing rail, they watch the ground where they might fall—and they fall.

Remember the motion picture "Seventh Heaven"? The girl is afraid to go across the narrow catwalk because she looks down and sees the space below her. But when the man stands at the other end of the walk and holds his arms out to her, she walks into his arms

because now she is keeping her eyes on the objective.

The army understands that men may forget to concentrate on objectives. Every infantryman takes a course called Range Estimation to learn how to judge the distance to a target. He learns that he can't let his judgment be influenced by what he sees between himself and the target, because a slope, depression or unbroken surface will make the distance seem longer or shorter than it really is.

Probably for most of your life you have been subconsciously obstacle-minded or method-minded. This, indirectly, is an inferiority complex. You have had so many set-backs that you concentrate on obstacles and methods more than on objectives. Finally, nothing seems worth doing any more, because all you can see is the trouble connected with it.

But you can make object-mindedness a habit, too, by analyzing your actions and asking yourself the

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Church Is Sorely Needed By Present Day Society

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"That is why the Apostle of the Gentiles, speaking of Christians, proclaims they are no more 'children tossed to and fro' by the uncertain drift in the midst of human society. Our predecessor of happy memory, Pius XI, in his Encyclical 'Quadragesimo Anno' on social order, drew a practical conclusion from this thought when he announced a principle of general application, viz., that what individual men can do by themselves and by their own forces should not be taken from them and assigned to the community.

"It is a principle that also holds good for smaller communities and those of lower rank in relation to those which are larger and in a position of superiority. For—as the wise Pontiff said, developing his thought—every social activity is of its nature subsidiary; it must serve as a support to members of the social body and never destroy or absorb them. These are surely enlightened words, valid for social life in all its grades and also for the life of the Church without prejudice to its hierarchical structure."

Lists Ills Of Imperialism

"Undoubtedly there is the case of an empire built upon a foundation whose spiritual character has been established and reinforced in the course of history and which, moreover, draws its support from the conscience of the great majority of the citizens. But is it not exposed to another kind of danger, namely that of giving an exaggerated importance or exclusive attention to what is its own and of not being able to evaluate or even be aware of what is outside it? And here again is the unity and integrity of human intercourse threatened by the breach made at a vital point in its foundations; here again is the sacred principle of equality and parity among men violated.

"Here too it is the Church that can cure and heal such a wound. And she does it by having access to the innermost sanctuary of the human being and placing him at center of the whole social order. Now this human being is not man in the abstract, nor considered only in the order of pure nature, but the complete man as he is in the sight of God, his Creator and Redeemer, as he is in his concrete and historical reality, which could not be lost sight of without compromising the normal functioning of human intercourse."

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"Frankly, I need a thousand dollars. Not even a religious article, rosary or prayer book has entered Greece since 1940. The students have begun without even the barest necessities. Please do help us to begin well."

We just must help the Church in Greece! The first need is priests. Will you be among those who will cheer Father Dominic's boys?

HAVE YOU?

Have you ever seen a clothed crucifix—Christ on the Cross, in the vestments of a priest? We should like to place this over the high altar of the Memorial Chapel of the Queen of Peace, on the island of Corfu, and shall need at least one hundred dollars to do so. Are you interested in this memorial?

ST. GEORGE

Bishop George Hakim always asks small favors on his name day, April 23. In his diocese of Galilee, in the Holy Land, five parishes are without priests, so he asks for six hundred dollars to train a seminarian for the priesthood. Can you help?

TRAGIC

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PASSION FLOWER

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the Memorial Chapel of the Queen of Peace, which we shall build, with your help, on the devastated island of Corfu, in honor of our fallen fighting men.

PATIENCE?

How often we see large crowds waiting outside a movie theatre. Would they wait as long to witness the great pageant of the Mass? Have Masses offered by needy missionaries, and show your love.

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HER VERY OWN

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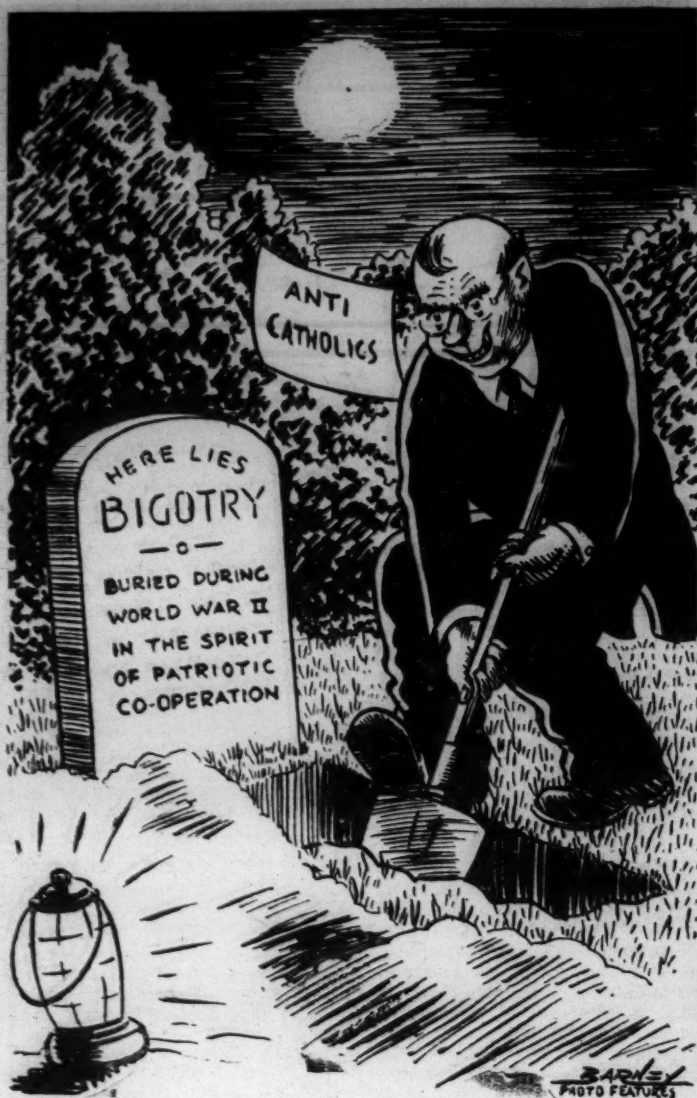
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A Word To Non-Catholics

Tom Tuttle's Teapot

TOM TUTTLE worships a teapot.

Sounds queer, doesn't it? He has it on his mantelpiece, and he prays before it morning and night.

We've often tried to reason with him.

"Tom," we've said, "won't you look into the case for Christianity? We have proof positive that there is a God, invisible, almighty, and Maker of heaven and earth. We have a book which He wrote—the Bible. Here it is; won't you look at it?"

"Too busy," he'd say. "I don't have time for such things. Besides, my father before me, and my grandfather, and his father—we Tuttles have always worshipped teapots."

"We know, Tom," we said, "but your ancestors and all the Tuttles could have been wrong..."

"But I like my teapot hymns. I'm used to them. My mother taught them to me. And I don't know what you go on with down at your church. It's strange to me, and different."

"After all, though, Tom, truth

can't just be a matter of nice hymns..."

"Oh, go away, and don't bother me. If I go to your church, then all the teapot-worshippers will be angry with me and they won't come to me for advice." (We should have told you that Tom was a lawyer.) "Anyway, I don't like the people at your church. All the better people in this town worship teapots, and you know it."

"But all those things don't af-

fect the truth, Tom. We have to judge truth in itself, regardless of any consideration; hymns, family-traditions, business, or just plain swank."

"Go away, please, won't you? I'm happy with my teapot and you are only making me uncomfortable."

There are people like Tom Tuttle, worshipping a teapot—which we have used as a symbol for pleasure, money, social position, etc. That is why the Catholic Church teaches that prayer is the first step in finding religious truth: prayer not only for light, but prayer for strength to follow that light wherever it may lead.—Rev. R. Ginder.

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Students' Bulletin

By Father Frank Gartland, C.S.C., Box 109, Huntington, Ind.

Orphans Themselves, Green Mountain Girls Rush Aid To Orphans Abroad

St. Joseph's Orphanage
Burlington, Vermont
March 31, 1946

Dear Father Gartland,

Please meet (in spirit) the Grammar Grade Girls of St. Joseph's Orphanage, Burlington, Vermont.

We have read your article in "Our Sunday Visitor" and we are very glad to let you know that we have already sent four boxes to Palermo, Sicily. Another, is on its way to Paris, France.

Nuns Inspire Girls

Sister Annunciata, Our Superior, gave the Sisters an article to read about these poor little war victims. Sister Jane of the Rosary, in charge of the Girls and Moderator of Our Junior Sodality, read this sad article to us and asked if we were willing to do something to help them. We certainly are very glad to help these people all we can, because God has favored us and given us this beautiful place to live and to be happy in. We sent things, such as medicine, thread, needles, pins, wash cloths, towels, infants clothes, cocoa, coco-malt, cereals, combs, toothpaste, candy and clothes. We hope these boxes will reach these people safe and soon.

Since we are readers of *Our Sunday Visitor*, we will be looking forward to reports.

The Grammar Grade Girls,
By Mary Johnson

CWV Post Pitches In

Mr. William H. Corkrean, Sr., real estate broker in the Nation's Capital and Welfare Officer of the Catholic War Veterans, District of Columbia Department, has "started the ball rolling" in Washington. In behalf of Europe's starving, naked, children, he has organized action in CWV Post 226, which bears the name of his own son, Lt. William H. Corkrean, Jr.

Rev. Dear Father:

I read about the 8,000 Student Samaritans in the Mar. 31st issue of *Our Sunday Visitor*. Thinking it a good idea, I took it up with the Sister Superior of our Parochial school (St. Francis Xavier's), suggested that if the children would bring in the articles needed, we The Lt. William H. Corkrean Jr. Post 226, CWV, would wrap and mail the packages.

Now I am swamped. We have enough canned food, soap, etc., to fill 12 or more packages, which we hope to have in the mail in a few days.

However it is quite a job to conform to the mail and customs duties. In view of the chaotic conditions in Europe the shipping rules should be made easier. Imagine a package to the starving French requiring five different labels and having to clear through the French Customs bureau! I am informed that when these packages are received, in many cases half the contents has been removed.

The Catholic War Veterans and other Organizations could, in cooperation with our Catholic

easier and less expensive to make these shipments.

This is a good idea but needs some system and organization.

We have about 400 children in our school whom you can add to your good samaritans.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

W. H. Corkrean Sr.
Catholic War Veterans
Dist. of Columbia Dept.

Not content with getting CWV Post 226 organized for the waifs across the sea, Mr. Corkrean immediately contacted Comrade Peter J. Geis of Elmhurst, N.Y. to get another Post busy. Our thanks.

Addresses of orphanages in France, Italy and Poland are obtainable on request from a Minneapolis member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic,—

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CSMC Vocation Corner

Just What Is A Visitation Nun?

Some day, dear reader, you may be asked this question, and a correct answer would be: "She is a Paradoxical nun." Paradoxical, yes, for although she belongs to the Visitation Order she never pays visits—yet she visits every corner of the globe. If she is physically unable to bear very hard external penances, she is in the right place, for this Order was instituted primarily for just such people—yet she must undergo severe mortification.



REVELATION OF THE SACRED HEART TO ST. MARGARET MARY
A SISTER OF THE VISITATION

The holy Founder of her Order, St. Francis de Sales, was a saint of Paradoxes: of quick temper, he was noted for his gentleness and humility; a great contemplative, he was likewise an active missionary; loving silence, he preached and wrote unceasingly. That he is Patron of Journalists should endear him to the friends of *Our Sunday Visitor*.

What of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, co-founder with St. Francis? Was she not a Paradox? A great lady, she is revered as a humble nun; spending herself in the service of the suffering and destitute while in the world, she enclosed herself within four walls, there to spend herself in prayer and penance.

And St. Margaret Mary—brilliant jewel of the Visitation—a hidden saint, she is yet known to all the world. Renowned as the Apostle of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart and the nine First Fridays, she is recognized by comparatively few as a daughter of the Visitation.

The Visitation Order was founded in Annecy, France, in 1610 and spread to the United States of America in 1799, where there are now twenty-one Visitation Houses.

St. Francis originally intended to form an active Congregation, but, changing his plans, finally made the Order cloistered and contemplative. Its members devote themselves to the recitation of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin; to prayer, penance and manual labor; to the baking of altar breads, sewing, painting, etc., from which they derive a livelihood; and, where the local diocesan authorities think it necessary, to teaching. Of the twenty-one houses in the United States, sixteen conduct schools and colleges. However, the name "Visitation" is not incongruous for they encompass the world with their prayers.

There is no very severe exterior mortification in the Visitation, but this is compensated for by rigorous interior mortification—an obedience which prescribes what is to be done at every moment of the day; a poverty which does not allow the personal possession of so much as a needle picked up from the floor, without express permission; a silence maintained for approximately twenty-one hours out of the twenty-four, and so on through all the details of their lives.

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A sister, Deloris, served as Cadet Nurse; an older brother did war work somewhere in Pennsylvania.

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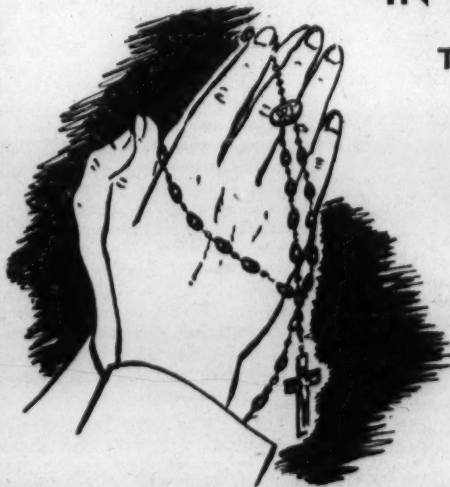
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For The Men

Still In Service

Edited by Father Frank Gertland, C.S.C., Box 109, Huntington, Ind.

Father Casey Lets Go

Duties Cited In Navy Separation Talk

During your stay here you will hear many things about your rights and benefits as civilians and veterans. No one, except the Chaplain, will talk to you about your duties in the same category. I have selected your duties to your home. (I'll take it for granted that most of you are married men, or soon will be.)

Wife Real Hero

Although you wear the hero bars in your family, I believe that your wife is the real hero in your home, and I'll tell you why. Before you went away you were the buffer between her, the children and the world. You paid the bills, you earned the money, you were their protector. Since you came to the Navy, she has had to take your place in doing these things, becoming father as well as mother to your children. We don't admit this to people on the outside, but I think the laziest bunch of men I've ever seen—Officers included—is in the Navy. We surely haven't had a hard life. We have had a place to sleep, plenty of food, such as it is, and our money has gone a long way; for example, on shipboard we only paid 50 cents a carton for cigarettes (they cost 21 cents a package in Oklahoma City today), and except for facing death, we haven't had any of the worries which plague people in civilian life. Your wife, on the other hand, has had a difficult time practically every waking hour since you went away. How she ever made that check which you and the Government so "generously" sent her go as far as she did, is practically a modern mystery to me. Too many of you men, in the anticipation of going home, have taken for granted the fact that you have a home to go to. And yet when you stop and consider it, someone—your wife—worried and sacrificed, and worked, and planned, and wept to make it possible for you to have a home to go to. I maintain that you will never be able to repay her for the debt that you owe her.

Underwent Risks

For you, she went through physical torture: Perhaps many of you became fathers for the first time. As the hours for her to give birth to your child drew near, you weren't there to hold her hand as the pains of labor gripped her; you weren't there to wipe the sweat from her brow; you weren't there to give her the little pep talk she needed so badly because she was afraid; you weren't there to take her to the hospital; and while she was in the delivery room, you weren't pacing the corridor, nor were you able to go into her hospital room after your child was born and give her a kiss of gratitude for having borne you a son or daughter. The Navy had different plans for you. Willingly she went into these pains, this physical torture for you, even into the valley of death, knowing full well that you wouldn't be there to help her out.

And the mental torture that she went through: Do you remember when she wrote you a letter and said that Mrs. Smith's son was missing in the Battle of the Bulge? Or that Mrs. Jones' husband was killed in action? She didn't tell you that every time after that, when your doorbell rang, there was a shiver went up and down her spine and there was fear in her heart that, standing at your door, there would be a messenger with a telegram which began "The Secretary of the Navy regrets," and YOU weren't coming back.

You probably can't appreciate exactly what that mental torture means until you go home. Can't I urge you, when you see that Gold Star in the window of the home of one of your mates, to go into that home, offer some consolation, but observe above all else what agony, what torture, what worry there is to that mother, that wife and those children. But, for the grace of God, that could have been your family.

Divorce?—Nonsense!

In spite of all that your wife has done for you, the thing that worries your Navy Chaplain most, is the fact that when you go over next door to Bldg. 21, the very first man you want to see is the Legal Officer. And why? The answer could be put on a rubber stamp: "I want a divorce." And why? Because maybe your mother, or your sister (they haven't liked your wife anyway and have been trying to throw the hooks into her ever since you were married) has written you a letter something like this: "I went over to the house the other night; the kids were all tucked in bed and Mary wasn't there. I'll bet she was down at the corner tavern with John Brown (that old 4-Fer)". And so you want a divorce. You have hated Navy court-martials since you have been in the service, because of the fact that most of the time they seemed so unfair to you. A guy was guilty before he ever went up for trial and now you turn around and do the very same thing to your wife, court-martial her, without even a hearing or a chance to answer. Do you think that's fair?

Some other of you fellows, I find, have buried in your craw a determination that the minute you get home you're going to ask the "one and only" some very pertinent questions and she better have the right answers, or else. Don't do it. Don't do it, because the little woman might turn around and start asking you some questions, and that wouldn't be so good. You're no saint and maybe she isn't either, but it may be a good idea to let well enough alone. You remember the Our Father, don't you, and you remember that part of it which says, in praying to God, "Forgive

us our trespasses, as WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US." Do you mean to tell me that you would ask God for forgiveness and are not willing to forgive the one that is nearest and dearest to you, who is one with you in flesh, and who has given her flesh and her blood and her bone to your children? It just doesn't make good sense.

Frank Talk; Fair Play

The Navy, in sending you home, hopes that you will reestablish good homes. Good children don't come from bad homes, nor from split homes. Good children, who are the citizens of the future, come from good and happy homes. I don't know whether you stopped to consider it or not, but the ones who really suffer in unhappy or split marriages, are not the husband and wife as much as these children. Let me give a little example: Remember some of your state-side liberties before you went "out"? Remember those little 14 to 17 year-old girls you saw running around the street? Remember when you asked, someone told you they were Victory girls? When you saw them, you should have taken them across your knee, spanked them, and sent them home to their mothers where they belonged. You took them over all right, but not the right way. They were somebody's daughters. What business did they have on the streets? What kind of homes did they come from? How would you like your daughter to go out with a sailor? How would you like your sons to have done some of the things you did? See what I mean! And so, you have duties, obligations to your home, to your wife, to your family, that none of you can shun. When the Japanese threw everything they had at you, perhaps you were afraid, but you weren't cowards, you didn't run away, but you returned everything they gave you, plus more. That's why we are free of war today. Do you mean to tell me that you brave men, when a problem at home faces you, are willing to run away from it? Think these things over in the couple of days you have left,

One-Year-Old Amsterdam Boy



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(See Today's Student Bulletin)

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"Must be able to cook—because I can't; above all must be pure and good."

"Good Catholic, 5 ft. 7 in. or over (so he'll be taller than I when I have pumps and a hat on); smarter than I (couldn't find anybody dumber); and must be able to provide for my ten or fifteen offspring!"

"A boy truly devoted to the Church, because I know if he LIVES his faith, he will necessarily be a loving husband, a devoted father—and a heckuva lot of fun."

and make resolutions about that home, about those kiddies by which you will be a better father and husband.

Missionary Catechists

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Tips For Servicemen

You Have A Soul



By The Rev. Lawrence Schott, Box 572, Harrisburg Penna.

You are important because you have a soul. Human beings would have no dignity or rights if it were not for this "spark of divinity" which makes them tick. There have always been in the world those who denied the existence of a soul because they could not see it. These poor deluded creatures forget that eyesight is only one of the sense faculties and that men have many other ways by which they know things. It is the testimony of the world throughout all the ages that resident in man is something which makes him a man. At death this something is separated from the body and we have a corpse on our hands. The life-giving element no longer infuses the body and the body quickly disintegrates into the material elements. This life-giving element has been called the spirit, the soul, and many other names but always there is implied the spiritual realm in distinction to the material.

Men Have Souls!

If we were not endowed with souls we would be living in a madhouse that had no logical explanation. It is repulsive to man's reason to believe that our honored brave dead who gave their lives for their country have ceased to exist. There is in every reasoning man the knowledge that he can join his friends and family in the eternity maintained by God. This life can't be all there is, because of itself it would be a brief excursion in a crazy house. This unanimous longing for something more after death cannot be false. Corpses remain on this earth and return to it; the spark of immortality goes to God for its eternal choice.

The apparent injustices which surround us all through this life wherever we look, these must be righted by a just God. There is no justice or possible explanation for what we behold here, unless there is another life which we do not now

see. Nothing further can be done for a deceased body so there must be an individual spirit or soul which can receive the adjustments which God prepared for them. God is just and we must personally be present to be rewarded or punished according to the immutable laws of the Creator for the Creature.

Our Assignments

From the moment when our existence began we were placed on permanent duty—to guard the soul which God had entrusted to our care. We can never abandon this guard duty; we may fail in our assignment and betray God's trust and allow the enemy to captivate our souls, but we are still responsible to God for our souls. During this life there is never a moment of freedom from this duty—there are no furloughs or leaves or three day passes or even three minute passes—you are always on guard duty.

Guard duty is always a lonely business, no matter how many buddies you have, there are still many times when you must walk it alone. Keeping guard for our souls is no different, and often we must trudge along without the sustaining help of companions. The true nobility of man comes from the importance of this job—there is nothing of greater value that we can be called upon to do than safeguard the immortal soul which God has entrusted to us.

You have a soul—every man has. You have the job of guarding that soul—every man has. You have the sole assignment of saving that soul—every man has.

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Fiction

Not So Dumb As I Look

By Anna-Margaret Record

THE night I decided to go home, Celia was washing her hair in the lavatory across the hall, and Wendy was entering one of those perpetual soap contests where you never win anything. As a matter of fact, neither of them suspected a thing: that I hadn't a date for the Psi Phi Open-House Sunday night, or that I was going to flunk Soc. Flat! Not merely by the skin of my teeth. And the two of them together were exactly too much to be borne in one weekend.

Celia kept running back and forth, dripping, to make sure she wasn't missing anything, and I pushed my Soc book to one side, and dumped the contents of my billfold and change purse out on the top of Wendy's desk to be sure I had enough money for the fare.

"Elspeth," murmured Wendy, chewing her pencil, "why do you use Marvella soap, in twenty-three words or less?"

"To keep clean," I said brightly. "In three words." And I went on separating street-car tokens from dimes, and nickels from quarters, and counting them all up under my breath.

"Where'd you get so much hoola, Elspeth?" Celia demanded. "If you borrowed any of it from me, you put it right back. I'm practically broke this minute."

"You mean moolah, and I didn't borrow it from you. Ann paid me for a term paper. Let's see . . . three dollars and eighty-six cents, plus four street-car tokens, two buttons, and one Miraculous Medal. . . ."

"I'll buy your tokens for twenty cents," offered Wendy absently.

"You will not. Robber! Twenty-five is what they cost me."

"All right, all right! Listen, girls! I use Marvella because my skin is too sensitive for harsh soaps, and my husband uses it to soften his beard before shaving."

"Husband!"

"This contest is for home-makers," explained Wendy, chewing her pencil.

"Wendy Grayson, that's dishonest," declared Celia virtuously. "Shame on you. If you win anything on that entry, I shall feel it my duty to expose you to the Marvella Company."

"Well, stop dripping on our rug," Wendy retorted. "You live across the hall. Go drip on your own rug."

"Three snoodles and eighty-six cents," I announced. "How about that quarter, Wendy?"

"In my coin purse. What do you want money for at this hour of the night? You can't drink that many cokes—even if there were any."

"There aren't," said Celia. "I lost a nickel. The machine's broken again."

"Elspeth," said Wendy accusingly. "Three bucks of that money is supposed to pay your insurance. Have you paid it?"

"Why should I pay my insurance?" I asked airily. "The Prudential Insurance Company has more money than I have. I'm going home." And I dragged Wendy's overnight bag out of my closet.

"It's Friday night, and I can make the 9:50 if I hurry.—There's a 9:50 bus now. I heard Jane Andrews say so."

"I thought you went home by train."

"I do, but a bus is cheaper." I borrowed Wendy's blue blouse and Celia's yellow sweater that was in

my closet. It looks nice with my dark pigtales. "Celia, go see if Ann's brown jacket is in your room—it matches the skirt I've got on." I folded the blouse and sweater, and dumped some lingerie on top of them. I could wear Mother's hose to Church and I knew I'd left my green silk jersey when I went home in October.

"Elspeth, you're crazy! There's a quiz in Soc tomorrow morning." "It wasn't announced," I said. "He can't count it an F if I'm not there."

"But, Elspeth, Rod Winters told us there'd be one. He's Bradson's grader."

I grabbed the case and my purse. "I'll dream of you," I said, "while I'm wolfing down Mother's hot cakes tomorrow morning."



We ordered hamburgers at the lunch counter . . .

"If you flunk Soc this semester, you'll be barred from dramatics!" "I won't flunk Soc," I said. But I knew I was going to. We-groups, they-groups, introversion, extroversion, the Jukes, the Kallikaks. . . . They whirled in my head like so much confused higgledy-piggledy. "If I do, I can't help it. Mentally, I'm one of the Kallikaks."

I WALKED out of the room, leaving consternation on the girls' faces. Well, I thought defensively, if I were as smart as Wendy I wouldn't be scared blotto of a Soc test. If I were a Phi Beta Kappa, I wouldn't waste my time entering soap contests, either. I signed out in a defiant mood, walked out of the dormitory, and caught the first street car that passed the corner. (I'd borrowed back two of my tokens from Wendy after I sold them to her. I knew she wouldn't mind. After all, she owed me three postage stamps, and what's a street car token between friends?)

I'd never taken this bus before, but I bought my ticket and the man told me to change at Arsville.

"I never heard of it," I said doubtfully. "Is it very big?"

He grinned. "Big as a cross-roads, but there's a station."

I got on the bus, and pretty soon a red-headed senior swung aboard and sat down beside me. "Hi, there," he said. "I ought to know you. You're Elspeth Anderson, aren't you?"

I nodded, flattered. After all, I was only a sophomore, and Jules Morgan was a Somebody on the Baldwin campus.

"Soc?" he picked up the textbook I'd carried along to save my conscience. "Easy, isn't it? You can crack Bradson for an A like falling off a running-board."

I gulped. I couldn't. Last semester I'd dragged a D minus and felt like a reprimanded criminal to rate that. "It must be wonderful to be Phi Beta," I said. "My roommate is, too. Wendy Grayson."

"Oh—Wendy." His tone was noncommittal. Most men went for Wendy like flies for sugar candy. I felt a trifle rebuffed till he said humorously, "I like 'em blonde and brainless, or dark and dizzy. I hope you aren't clever, Elspeth."

"I'm one of the Kallikaks," I said, and he chuckled.

was fascinated to be treated like an equal by a senior—especially a Great Senior like Jules Morgan—but the motion of the bus began making me sleepy. Before I realized it, I had dozed off, and when a rough place in the road shook me awake, my head was on Jules' shoulder. He didn't seem to mind, but I was embarrassed.

"Oh," I said, sitting up quickly, "did he call Arsville?"

"Arsville? Yes, I think so—that little town back there. We're just leaving it."

I jerked the buzzer frantically, the bus jolted to a stop, and I got off. To my surprise, Jules jumped down beside me. "I'll walk back with you," he said stiffly, taking my bag. "You've no business getting off buses on dark roads and

wandering around at night by yourself."

"I don't usually," I said meekly, feeling little and feminine beside his masculine efficiency. Then, conscience-stricken, I remembered. "Where were you going?"

"Oh, it doesn't matter. Thought I'd spend Saturday with my aunt. She wasn't expecting me."

We walked in silence. I got a pebble in my shoe, but I set my teeth and walked on. Just wait till Wendy and Celia knew who I was spending the evening with! Just wait—

"Jules!" I wailed. "Look! The city limits sign says Farmville! Not Arsville—Farmville!"

"Great scott!" said Jules simply. He looked at me, then at my bag. "Do you know anybody who lives at Farmville?"

"I never heard of Farmville."

In the faint starlight we looked at each other, aghast. College regulations loomed up in our minds like the Rock of Gibraltar. "Do you—do you think the dean of women is broadminded about mistakes like Farmville?" I quavered.

"I'm not thinking, I'm praying!"

There was nothing to do now, of course, but go on. When we actually got into the town itself, Farmville was bigger than I'd thought. Jules asked the way to the bus station and, surprisingly enough, there was one.

"It's eleven-fifteen," he told me, coming back from the ticket window. "We can't get a bus back to Baldwin till three-twenty."

I tried to smile. "Well," I said, "I'll be back in time for that Soc quiz. I guess I'll cram for it, after all."

"You mean you have to cram for it?"

"If I want to pass it."

"I'm a Soc major," said Jules slowly. I looked at him quickly. Yes—he meant it. He was going to coach me for that quiz! I drew a long breath—and we dived headlong into Sociology. It was the first time I'd ever enjoyed the stuff, too. At 1:30 Jules called a breaching spell. We ordered hamburgers and hot coffee at the lunch counter, and the way he smiled down at me sent shivers up my spine. All of a sudden I understood what a we-group was: Jules and I, this particular moment on this particular morning, were a we-group! Very definitely a we-group. A special one.

By the time 3:00 came, I was lightheaded from lack of sleep, but I knew that Soc book in and out, and backward and forward. Jules would be a wonderful teacher some day, except that he intended to be

come a lawyer. I tried to say thank you, but he laughed.

"Don't be a nitwit. Look, Elspeth, how about coming to the Open-House with me Sunday? I'll call for you at seven."

I gasped. "Oh, Jules, really?"

"I sort of like the idea."

"I love the idea," I said, in a tiny voice.

"And—how about wearing this piece of tin?"

Over the loudspeaker, the bus caller's voice was booming: Eliot, Fayettestown, Ragland, Baldwin. . . . Even if I'd owned a voice just then, he couldn't have heard me. Jules fastened his fraternity pin on my shoulder, and then steered me decisively toward the bus. "You need somebody to take care of you," he said firmly. "You're an irresponsible little idiot, but that's just how I like 'em. Deliver me from strong-minded females!"

He even fixed things with the Dean of Women, feeling certain I wasn't capable of coping with the situation. Anybody would believe Jules. Sometimes, I reflected later (writing an A bluebook on Sociology, to the amazement of Celia, Wendy, and Mr. Bradson), maybe it's smart to be dumb—as long as it's about the right things.

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SPORTSCASTING

By Jim Costin

ABOUT two or three months ago, in these dispatches, I made a statement which drew a reply from a reader down east. He disagreed with what I said, contending I had my facts twisted. I said to myself, the guy doesn't know what he's talking about, and let it go at that.

Recently, I repeated that statement which had brought a mild letter of correction from that down east subscriber—and this time he got a lot of company. Five others, none of whom, as far as I could tell, had any connection with the fellow who had written me in the first place, sent in letters saying most emphatically that I was wrong when I wrote, not once, but twice:

"Bob Livingstone was good enough as a sophomore in 1942 to beat Creighton Miller out for the No. 1 left halfback job on the Notre Dame football team."

Well, I thought to myself, those fellows are talking through their hats. I will quote Frank Leahy at them, I says, and see if they will believe the coach, since they obviously don't believe me. I will go easy on them, I says to myself, because we all make mistakes some times—and at that time I didn't actually realize what an authority on making mistakes I was.

Anyhow, I called Frank Leahy, but didn't tell him just what I was driving at at the time.

"Frank," I said, "who was the No. 1 candidate for your starting left half job when fall practice opened in 1942?"

I thought I didn't have to wait for an answer, as I knew he'd say, "Creighton Miller."

"As you'll undoubtedly remember," Frank replied, not knowing what a great forgetter I am, "we figured on Dippy Evans, but he got hurt before the season opened and never played throughout the rest of the year."

The light was already beginning to dawn because I had to admit to myself that I had completely forgotten about Evans, who certainly was no one to forget about. Especially by me, who had seen him play high school football in South Bend before he got to Notre Dame.

"Well, then, Frank," I asked rather hopefully, "who was your No. 2 candidate for left halfback?"

"Tom Miller was right up there," Frank replied, as I started to wonder if he, too, had forgotten all about Creighton Miller, Tom's brother. I told him, yes, I remembered, which was, to put it mildly, not exactly in accordance with the facts as they were being marshalled in what passes for my mind.

"Yes, I know, Frank," I told him, "but what about Bob Livingstone?"

You see, the head coach had been talking for several minutes about his 1942 left halfbacks, but had not once mentioned either Creighton Miller or Bob Livingstone, the two boys I had "promoted" to the No. 1 and No. 2 jobs. I thought it rather strange that the head coach himself had entirely forgotten about the boys I had up there playing on his first team.

"Robert came along very well," the coach replied, "particularly after Tom Miller got hurt."

(The light was beginning to dawn on Costin now, but still I didn't let on to the head coach that he was agreeing 100 per cent with my finger pointers.)

"Well, then," I came back at him, wondering if he'd EVER remember there was such a player as Creighton Miller on that squad, "who DID Livingstone beat out for the No. 1 job?"

"If he beat anyone out," Leahy replied, "it was Tom Miller."

"But, whatever happened to Creighton Miller, then?"

"Oh, Creighton," Frank said; "he was our right halfback; he didn't play left half."

(My embarrassment was growing more acute every minute, and I was glad the coach couldn't see how red my face was, over the telephone.)

"But," I asked in desperation, "didn't SOMEONE beat Creighton out for his job in 1942?"

"Oh, my no," the coach replied, "Creighton, as you remember (the flatterer; I had forgotten all about it—editor's note) hurt his instep, or ankle, early in the season, lost his speed and shiftness, and we finally had to rest him, putting Pete Ashbaugh in at

right half. Pete was a good boy, and we'll be glad to have him back next fall if he can make it, but when Creighton finally mended, he went back into the starting lineup and played brilliantly in our final three games of the season, against Northwestern, Southern California and Great Lakes."

The fog cleared at that point, and I recalled Creighton's brilliant playing against Northwestern and Southern California, and his 68-yard touchdown run against Great Lakes to tie the score in the second half at 13-all, after Great Lakes had led by 13-0 at the half.

So, to keep the record straight, and to agree—at long last—with my critics, all of whom recalled Creighton Miller's football career better than I, who had watched him in all his games:

He was a substitute fullback to Dippy Evans in his sophomore year of 1941, when Angelo Bertelli played left halfback. He was regular right half in 1942, except for that period when an injury kept him from doing his best, and he was one of the greatest left halfbacks Notre Dame ever had in 1943, when the Irish won the national intercollegiate championship, with Miller their brightest particular star and a unanimous choice for All-American left halfback.

After this, I'm not going to be so sure that I know all the answers.

From time to time, letters are received from interested readers saying that this or that prominent athlete, college or professional, is a "very good Catholic," and wanting me to advertise that fact in this department. I learned the hard way about printing statements like that, and avoid making them now unless I am personally acquainted with the facts. For instance, about three years ago, I wrote a paragraph here to the effect that a certain prominent young major league star was a "very good Catholic." I printed it on the authority of a navy man who had been a boyhood chum of the player in question. Naturally, I accepted the statement at face value, and used it.

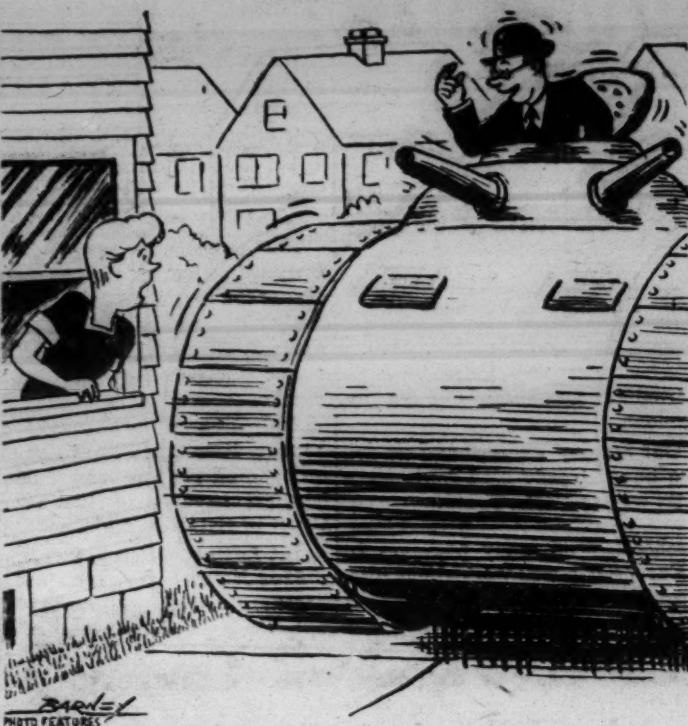
When the paragraph appeared here the young player was in service. A priest in the town near which he was stationed read the item and then sent me a clipping from his home town paper, which recounted that the player had gone through a marriage ceremony before a local justice of the peace with a divorcee. Late last fall a reader of this department sent me a long printed list of professional football players who, the list said, were Catholics. The list had quite obviously been made up by someone who had merely chosen the players' religion through their names, believing that all players who had Italian, Polish or Irish names were Catholics. Since I was personally acquainted with several in that list who hadn't been inside a church for years, I discarded the list because, even if I scratched off the names of those I knew, I still had no idea of how many of the others either weren't Catholics at all and never had been, or how many—if any—of them were no longer practical.

There was another case last summer of a letter from a young lady in an eastern major league baseball city who called attention to the baseball feats of her diamond hero of the moment, and who asked me to "give this fine young Catholic boy a writeup." This player's name wasn't "Danny Murphy," but it was every bit that Irish, and you would naturally assume that he was a Catholic of Irish extraction, as the young lady who wrote the letter undoubtedly had done.

I happened to know a Catholic baseball writer in the city where this young man was playing at the moment, and wrote to him to get some dope on "Murphy."

"I guess 'Murphy' is supposed to be a Catholic," my reporter friend wrote back, "but I am sure of

This Modern Age



"Bring the kids and we'll go for a ride! I just got this at a government surplus property sale!"

Keep Your Eyes Off The Road

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question, "What is the object of this?"

That question is the tool for getting things done. It is the basis of motion study and efficiency engineering. Try it for an hour. First, you'll find that you do a lot of things for apparently no reason. But there are some common things you'll find if you're an average person—things that prove you are not object-minded.

When you read, you forget that the purpose of reading is to get the author's ideas. Instead of keeping your mind on the object, you forget about getting the ideas and you concentrate on individual words. And you wonder why you read so slowly.

When you walk, you forget that you're walking to get someplace. You concentrate on the distance (obstacles) and the steps you are taking (methods). And you wonder why it takes you so long to get anywhere. If you had concentrated on your objective, you would have felt that you were being pulled along to it by a magnetic force.

You can prove this vital principle to yourself any time you're walking. While walking, look down at your feet or at the sidewalk. Then look at an objective, such as a building, where you are going. Even though you make no conscious effort to take longer or faster steps, still you will find that you're walking faster, with less effort, than before.

My own introduction to object-mindedness was the simplest that anyone could imagine. At an Army Ground Forces Replacement Depot we were required to swim fifty yards. To a good swimmer, fifty yards isn't enough to get wet, but to me, thinking about it, it seemed like miles. I knew the fundamentals, but I couldn't swim well because I watched my arms (an ex-

ample of method-mindedness) and thought about the water in front of me—and under me (obstacle-mindedness).

After watching some men fail, I turned to the man waiting next to me in line. "Fifty yards," I groaned, "I'll never make it."

He grinned. "Don't think about the water," he said. "Take a good look at the other end of the pool and then duck your head and take off."

And ever since then I've been following his advice: Take a look where you're going and then take off. Anyone can swim through obstacles if he remembers to keep his mind on the goal.

The Hi-Angle

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It is not for nothing that you have sung "I love thee, O Mary," "Mother, dearest, Mother fairest," "Ave, Maria," "Mother beloved," "Mother dear, O pray for me!" "Ave, Maris Stella," "Salve, Regina," "Ave, Regina Caelorum," and all the other hymns to Our Lady Mother Mary. It is not for nothing that from first grade on you've stammered, shouted, murmured, hurried, pleaded, "Hail, Mary, full of grace . . . Holy Mary . . . pray for us . . . now and at the hour of our death." Look back—the holy cards you got for perfect spelling or better-than-last-week arithmetic usually bore the likeness of Mary. You've said her rosary, responded to her litany, worn her scapular, knelt before her statues. Why? For what?

Deliberate, constant, sincere devotion to Mary is characteristically Catholic. It is no mere sentimentalization. The facts are there. Saint after saint, pope after pope has emphasized and re-stated the importance of Mary's mediation, of Mary's part in Christ's work of redemption. In Mary-devotion, St. Bernard, St. Anselm, St. Albert the Great, St. Gertrude, St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Cure of Ars, and countless other men and women of the past, and of 1946, have found their way to Christ. If you could look into homes and schools and chapels and churches in Chicago, Detroit, Chippewa Falls, Darlington, Santa Paula, or Gary or wherever you choose—you would find young men and old men, young women and old women, students, typists, miners, housewives, druggists, grocers, janitors, clerks, surgeons, lawyers, and, of course, priests and religious, going to Jesus through Mary, saying with young St. John Berchmans, "I shall not rest, until I have found Mary."

Make May a Mary-finding month. Promise her your fidelity on May 1, and say special words to her during the next thirty-one days. Take as your "to and from school" ejaculation, "All for Jesus through Mary." As a between-classes phrase, "Mother of God, my Mother, pray for me," or "Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation." Promise her that you will say three Hail Mary's daily for purity, love and a happy death. You might want to add this prayer of St. Anselm: "Good Jesus, by the love with

which You love Your Mother, grant that I may love her as You love her, and want her to be loved. Good Mother, by the love with which you love your Divine Son, grant that I may love Him as you love Him, and want Him to be loved."

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Houston, Texas

Editor:

Let me send you my sincere compliments on your truthful discussion of Spain's Government and Spanish policies in your recent issues.

I have been in a position to know something about Spain's affairs as I am a Spaniard by birth and I left Spain for the first time three months before the civil war broke out.

In that war General Franco rescued Spain for Spaniards at the time when it was considered almost illegal to shout publicly in Spain "Viva Espana" as this motto had been replaced by the other one "Long Live Russia."

I recall the main figures of that famous Communist Government which was overthrown by General Franco and which was called Republican and Democratic by many Red propagandists in our country. I remember the names of Casares Quiroga, Manuel Azana and others who were drawing high salaries while disrupting Spain's economy and religion. And when they saw their fate clearly marked by the approaching armies of General Franco, far from remaining in Madrid to defend it, they packed up their things and ran away with all the gold of the Spanish treasury to squander it in Mexico and other foreign countries.

Maybe some day our too easily misled press will stop feeding the people's minds with such biased stories, as have been appearing so regularly of late, about a matter like Spain's internal problems which our people cannot possibly verify. In the mean time, I repeat my honest congratulations to you for telling the truth with such rare gallantry.

Very sincerely yours,
A. Codesal.

Convert Finds Faith Most Precious Possession

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Rev. and dear Father,

I recently read "A Protestant Requests," on the first page of O. S. V. for September 30. It seems that Mr. Phillips, so well intentioned, pleads for us to study the Faith and Morals and "enter more deeply into the meaning of Catholic Doctrine."

Well, aren't we given these things every Sunday in Church? Certainly we are told these things at length at missions and on retreats. We live in a large city parish here and even on Sundays in the few minutes allowed for short instructions we always get something that exactly hits the "nail on the head." Most Catholics, like others who work, have not the time for any research nor for leisure to study liturgical arts and the like. For instance during the war I worked long hours and experienced such fatigue that I just about got to Mass on time. Besides, learning and knowledge are not the "Gift of Faith." Knowledge is in vain if it doesn't lead us to God. Prayer and humility will lead us to God to ask this Gift, which is a gift indeed. I am a convert and I know. I also know what Mr. Phillips means when he says "those who look with yearnings which will not be stilled." I know what sleepless nights are when in almost physical pain every part of your being seems to be crying and yearning with an agony that cannot be expressed in words.

In my own personal case the way into the Church was steep enough. It meant giving up family and seeing so called "friends" turn away, but I burned my bridges behind me and found a peace and rest I had never known before.

It is, I believe, only after confession and Holy Communion that one does experience a good conscience and begin to appreciate this "pearl of great price." Suddenly it seems this great heritage is

yours and the beauties of the Church's doctrines and liturgy are yours and you do appreciate them.

I, too, know what it is to attend Mass and "leave the church with a feeling of sadness." I don't leave that way now. I leave with my head bumping the rafters and my heart soaring around up there too. I might add that neither do I crowd to be the first one out of church. I wait till the aisles are clear and this gives time for an extra "thank you God" and a few extra Hail Marys for the forgotten souls in purgatory.

I hope Mr. Phillips may one day still those longings and sadness too. I shall pray that Mr. Phillips may be led to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament that he may come to know that it is the "Mass that matters."

As Stoddard in his "Rebuilding a Lost Faith" says, "one must enter the Church on ones knees." That is really true, for "still" stands the ancient sacrifice a contrite and a humble heart." Knowledge of Liturgical Arts? Yes—but the heart and the will must go on to the knowledge of God.

Once inside the Church all its warm verities are indeed yours and cannot be taken from you. Personally you know you have done nothing to deserve this "Gift"—you know only that you do love God as a loving Father; that the Blessed Mother has you under her protection. Also God is good and more than compensates for whatever is renounced. It is no sacrifice to get to Mass daily and Holy Communion. No—you go because you love to go. To experience the warmth and light and love that is Holy Communion, anything is worth giving up for that. A human heart holds Heaven for a moment and so opens to the beauties of the Faith that beggar description.

Then too, as Stoddard says, "One appreciates the Church as one sees a stained glass window. Not dull and meaningless as seen from without, but as revealed within with all the beauty of detail and color and story." For myself—to live twenty-four hours every day in the faith is my constant prayer. And with the Rev. John M. Raich, C.S.P., one of the nation's most prominent converts, I say "I would rather die than give up my Catholic Faith."

Dorothy M. Gilligan.
(Mrs. Edward Gilligan)

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Editor:

Your recent month-end editions are all I hoped they would be. Mark them down as some of the best O.S.V.'s to come off the press.

My oldest sister and I are both converts to the Church, she having preceded me by several years by marriage to a Catholic boy, who, incidentally, is now part of our country's occupation forces in Japan.

Our Sunday Visitor played a big role in my conversion, for I read every issue I could find. Your articles and discussions were such that any question was answered simply and informatively. Now I plan to keep informed and educated always by reading my favorite Catholic

More Than 'Flowers For Mother'

"Flowers for Mother" is the title of Gladys Knight's story on Mother's Day in the May issue of *The Family Digest*. It is just one of several features of this number of the *Digest* which make the magazine an ideal gift for Mother on her day. "The Meaning of Mother's Day" is another, and in all you'll find some twenty features which will appeal not only to Mother, but also to Dad and the children, no matter what their ages.

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Sgt. Wilbur F. Welch.

Calendar

April

28, Sun. White. Low Sunday. Gloria, 2nd Coll. St. Paul of the Cross, 3rd St. Vitalis, Creed, Pref. of Easter.

29, Mon. Red. St. Mark, Evangelist. Gloria, 2nd Coll. St. Peter of Verona, Creed, Pref. of Apostles.

30, Tues. White. St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin. Gloria, Pref. of Easter.

May

1, Wed. Red. Sts. Philip and James, Apostles. Gloria, Creed, Pref. of Apostles.

2, Thurs. White. St. Athanasius, Bp. Conf. Doct. Gloria, Creed, Pref. of Easter.

3, Fri. Red. Finding of the Holy Cross. Gloria, 2nd Coll. Sts. Alexander and Companions, Creed, Pref. of Holy Cross. (Mass of the Sacred Heart not permitted.)

4, Sat. White. St. Monica, Widow. Gloria, Pref. of Easter.

Those who during the month of May take part in public exercises in Mary's honor can gain an indulgence of seven years each day. And if they are present at least ten times, they can gain a plenary indulgence. Conditions: Confession, Communion, Prayer for the Pope's intentions.

Next Wednesday the Apostolic Plenary Indulgence can be gained.

A second plenary indulgence can be gained by those who offer their Mass, Holy Communion, and all the prayers and good works of the day for the sanctification of priests and candidates for the priesthood. The Prayer for the Pope's intention must be repeated. The second plenary indulgence mentioned can be gained again on Thursday—First Thursday, or on

Saturday—"Priest's Saturday." Same conditions.

Next Friday—First Friday, a plenary indulgence to those who assist at public devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart. Conditions: Confession, Communion, Prayer for the Pope's intentions. Members of the League of the Sacred Heart can gain another plenary indulgence, if the Church Visit and the Prayer for the Pope's intentions are repeated.

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Boy's Ranch
Home on The Range
In Old Sacramento
Wife of Monte Cristo, The
CLASS A, Section 2

Cat Creeps, The
Devil Bat's Daughter
From This Day Forward
NOTATION: An item of dialogue can be interpreted as sympathetic to so-called planned parenthood.

Heartbeat
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GENTLY the Queen of Heaven soothed their fears. She also invited them to come to the same spot on the 13th of each month until October—from May to October would make five months—and she promised on October 13th a great miracle would take place.

DURING the visits in the following months apparitions continued as Mary had foretold. Everything she said was important, but stress was placed on the following: The Blessed Mother announced to them that she was Our Lady of the Rosary. She sent through them a message to the world to do penance; that the world should be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart, and, especially, did she desire that her protection be sought through devout recitation of the Rosary.

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The Novena Promises
WHAT I am most desirous of promoting at this time is interest in the Five First Saturdays, honoring the Blessed Mother of Fatima. There are leaflets, booklets, and books telling the whole story of the apparitions and relating in detail the wishes of Our Lady. But today I hope to win the response of many hundreds—would it be too much to wish for many thousands of our readers to respond?—to a faithful observance of the Five First Saturdays commencing with the one on May 4th and concluding with the first Saturday in September. The promise attached to this devout practice is most appealing, particularly, the promise at the hour of death to help with the graces needed for salvation, those who have observed the first Saturdays of five consecutive months and shall have confessed their sins and received Holy Communion, and kept company with the Blessed Mother for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to her.

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The Reverend Canon Galpin, President of the Essex Archaeological Society has written the Introduction to Father Kirkfleet's book. A frontispiece map and over twenty photographs of Norbertine Abbeys add beauty to this informative work.

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my people." (How much more happiness there would be if more wives would follow Ruth's way!)

BUT that you may know precisely the Saints presented by Sister Mary Charitas, I name them: St. Joseph, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Thomas More, Ruth, the Faithful; St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Elizabeth of Hungary; St. John Bosco; St. Francis Xavier, St. Paul, Apostle, also St. Luke, and finally, Our Lady, Mother of Jesus, who "regularly made biscuits..."

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came on some years after World War I, as the multitudes were throughout the nation, you may truthfully reply: "No, I pay as I go. I like it best that way. But is not a cash customer equally as desirable as one who charges her purchases?" The answer will likely be: "Oh, yes. But we notify our customers who carry accounts with us when Nylons come in... One pair of hose to a customer! We also have a desk where cash customers may register for hose, and thus receive notification. But if you failed to register last January, you may not now do so."

A Vicious Circle

THIS Charge Account business forms a vicious circle many women have concluded. I know women who haven't a good pair of hose in their possession. In fact, if I had not purchased two pairs of cotton hose—sheer and attractive, I'll admit—in February, at \$1.50 a pair, the price of a pair of Nylons—right now I would not have a pair of stockings without a run. But I'm not too concerned about the matter. Should the cotton hose exhaust before other hose are available, I shall get out my store of rayons, which carry eyelets, are beset with runs, tears, and full-fashioned slitherings (whatever that last word means!) and wear such stockings with fortitude.

ABOUT a fortnight ago I read in the paper that Nylons will be scarce for at least another year. Major Herbert Rose, of the civilian production administration, told a Senate special committee on small business that women now get 30,000,000 pairs of nylons a month. "And they won't get any more until next spring at least. That's when the du Pont people hope to get their new plant completed."

HOSIERY does not merit so much space in my page. So far as I am personally concerned, I do not care if I never get a pair of Nylons. And the true reason for these comments lies in a deep-seated regret that so much encouragement is given by merchants to customers not to pay as they go, when this is possible. It is my conviction that the large majority of families would be much better off, and there would be more security and peace in homes, if the heads of households ruled "no charge accounts on merchandise." Pay as you go will avoid tight positions when the inevitable slump hits our country. This is a good thing to face and to remember now, and not when it is too late.

FATIMA" (\$2.00) authentically tells the whole story of the apparitions, of Our Lady's purpose in appearing before the children and imparting to them her plan for World Peace. Her style is delightful. The whole family will enjoy the book. But it is not so much to be entertained but to win spiritual favors from the Blessed Mother of Fatima that one would really be interested in knowing the entire facts of her miraculous appearances and of her promises. THE GRAIL, ST MEINRAD, INDIANA, publishes Miss Windeatt's book. It also has leaflets, printed with ecclesiastical approval, promoting Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, encouraging the making of the Five First Saturdays Novena and greater devotion to the Rosary.

Absorbing Moral Doctrines In Primary Grades

OUR consecrated teachers in Catholic parochial schools have their lives refreshed by stories that float to them from parents who relate children's reactions to pedagogy, and, in particular, their absorption of moral dogma, or should it be put more simply, the lessons the little ones receive through catechetical instructions?

A mother related to me today the story of her little girl's rebound to the course her class was receiving on the Ten Commandments. Sister — had come to the Sixth in the Decalogue. The lesson was delivered in the forenoon. Returning home for lunch little Angela was observed to wear an impressive air. Leveling innocent eyes on her mother, then turning to command the attention of her brother, two years her senior, she said:

"Mother, we had an important lesson today."

"Yes... Well, what was it about?" the mother inquired.

"The Sixth Commandment," the child informed, rather challengingly, as though she intended that she and everyone else should obey it. But the mother questioned:

"Well, now let me see, which one is that... what is it about?"

"Thou shalt not commit adultery. This means you may not have two, three or four husbands, as so many people do..."

And so on...

THEN, the mother told me how another child had responded to the same lesson, the story having come to her from that little one's parents. It seems that the child, a boy, had heard his father comment to his mother on the appearance of a beautiful blonde, an acquaintance they had met the previous evening in a social gathering. The discussion had been wholly friendly and innocent and altogether without jealous accent on the part of the mother, but the young son was on guard. HE would have no scandals in his home! Not impertinently but solicitously the youngster counseled:

"Daddy, you should not notice other women like that. You should not talk about other ladies. That's adultery."

What's In A Name?

And then there was the gentleman in a great hurry who practically floored one of the girls in the public library by dashing up to the desk and asking if they had a copy of that new book called, "Me And The Old Hen." A hurried consultation among the staff resulted in the discovery that "The Egg And I" was the tome the gentleman was in quest of.

'Lord, That I May See'

Blinded Italian Lad, GIs Pet, For Whom Pope Prayed, Leaving For Home With Sight Improved

New York, April 22.—A nine-year-old Italian boy who had His Holiness Pope Pius XII and thousands of GIs in his homeland praying for him when he came to this country almost blind, to undergo operations three months ago, sailed for Italy last week with his eyesight much improved.

The lad is Gianfranco Giuliano Cabbia of Feltre, Italy.

In September, 1944, when the nazis still dominated Italy, the boy was killed by a German cavalryman's horse. His left eye was destroyed and he was all but blinded in the right eye. When his hometown was liberated in May, 1945, the GIs adopted him as their mascot.

When the 88th (Blue Devil) Division moved into Feltre, a fund of \$3,500 was raised among the troops to bring the boy to this country for an operation on his eyes. Before he left Italy, he was received by the Holy Father, who promised to remember the lad in his prayers. The boy's companion since he left home has been Pvt. Howard W. Gorgas, of Montpelier, O., who makes the return trip with him.

The boy underwent two operations at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. When hospital officials learned that the GIs had raised the money for the operations, they took the boy's case without charge. After his discharge from the Baltimore hospital, the boy went to the Perkins Institution for the Blind in Boston for further treatments.

As a result, Gianfranco now can distinguish such objects as a ball and can make out the outline of a tree. Doctors who have handled his case have told Private Gorgas that Gianfranco's sight will continue to improve.

The boy has been feted by governors, mayors and other officials in the States and cities he has visited. Private Gorgas, a non-Catholic, says young Gianfranco is an exemplary Catholic and has astounded more than one priest in this country with his knowledge of religion.

House Approves Bill To Allow Stowaway Boy, 12, To Remain In Country

Washington, April 22.—(NC)—A bill to legalize the stowaway entry of 12-year-old Johnny Camera, Italian waif, into this country and to provide for his naturalization, has been passed by the House of Representatives and currently is pending before the Senate Immigration Committee.

The youngster, whose parents

were killed and who saw his sister shot to death in the battle of Salerno, was the pet of the 36th (Texas) Division's 141st Infantry Regiment in Italy. When his GI friends sailed for home, the boy stowed away on their transport. He was taken in custody by immigration authorities on arrival, but was rescued by his soldier buddies and taken to Waxahachie, Tex., by former Sgt. Claren Thompson, who wants to adopt the boy.

Johnny is an altar boy at St. Joseph's Church and has been adapting himself quickly to American ways. Mr. Thompson has expressed a desire to become a Catholic. While the legislation is pending in Congress, the boy is staying in this country on a 60-day permit.

Reception For Latin-American Diplomats To Hear U. S. Envoy

Washington, April 22 —(NC)—Joseph F. McGurk, U. S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, will be the principal speaker at the annual Knights of Columbus reception in honor of Latin American diplomats here on April 29. Dr. Hector David Castro, El Salvadoran Ambassador to the United States, will respond on behalf of the Latin American diplomats, and the Rev. James A. Magner, of the Catholic University of America, also will speak.

The annual reception, sponsored by the Washington General Assembly, K. of C., was first held in 1941. It was cancelled last year when the entire nation was in mourning over the death of President Roosevelt. In addition to many ambassadors, ministers and members of their staffs, some 15 members of Congress and many other distinguished personages are expected to attend this year's event.

The object of the reception, it was stated, is to help make known to the people of Latin America the desire of Catholics of the United States to participate in and to further their government's policy of fostering optimum relations with

At League Sessions



Anne Sarachon Hooley of Kansas City, U. S. member of the Bureau of International Union of Catholic Womens Leagues, who will attend the sessions of the Union opening at Brussels, May 6. The meetings will discuss the spiritual and social interests common to Catholic women of all nations. Harris & Ewing. (NC Photos)

Biblical Summer School To Have Noted Faculty At Niagara University

Buffalo, April 22 —(NC)—Open to male teachers of the Bible and religion in Catholic colleges, universities and seminaries, the summer school for advanced work in Sacred Scripture to be conducted at Niagara University from August 16 to 26, under the auspices of the Catholic Biblical Association, will feature a distinguished faculty.

The lecturers will include the Very Rev. James M. Voste, O.P., professor of Sacred Scriptures at the famous 'Institutum Angelicum,' Dominican University in Rome; Dr. William F. Albright, professor of Semitic languages at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; the Rev. Michael J. Gruenthaner, S.J., professor of Sacred Scriptures at the Catholic University of America, Washington; the Rev. Patrick W. Skehan, professor of Semitic languages at the Catholic University, and the Rev. John J. Collins, S.J., of Weston (Mass.) College.

the nations of Central and South America and the West Indies. The great majority of the peoples of Latin America, it was pointed out, are of the Catholic Faith.

Fifteen Ex-Servicemen Studying For Priesthood In The Congregation Of Holy Cross At Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Ind., April 22—(Special)—Fifteen ex-servicemen, among them veterans of Iwo Jima, the Battle of France, Salerno, Leyte, Cassino and other fierce battles of World War II, are preparing for the Catholic priesthood in the peace and quiet of Holy Cross Seminary on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

Coming from many parts of the United States, some were officers and some served in the ranks. Some were college graduates and some were still in high school when they answered their country's call to arms. Some served in the Army, others in the Navy, and Marine Corps.

Two of them left the seminary to enter the service and then returned. Most of the others, however, made up their minds to study for the priesthood gradually during their war service, corresponding with the Rev. John Wilson, C.S.C., director of Vocations at the Seminary, and ultimately completing arrangements to study there, under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

To a man, they are extremely modest about their part in serving the United States in its time of need. Take for instance, Edward Dolan of Sharon, Pa. Dolan, a husky, mild-mannered chap, went through some of the bloodiest fighting of the war with the famed Third Marine Division at Bougainville and Iwo Jima and other stiff Pacific battles. Yet, he declaims having done anything "out of the ordinary" in the war. His attitude is typical of the attitude of his comrades in the seminary.

Two New England youths, James Igo of Lexington, Mass., and Robert Dever, of Dorchester, Mass., point out that their careers in the Navy were "uneventful." Igo served as a mine sapper and Dever was aboard a patrol ship in the Atlantic, Pacific and Mediterranean. Igo and Harold Pear, of Portland, Ore., made up their minds before entering the service that they were going to become priests. Pear and Fred Barr, of Peoria, Ill., are reluctant to admit that their military careers were confined to the United States.

Decision to become a priest was made by John Birkmeyer, of Buffalo, N. Y., while he was fighting with the Army in Africa. James Wall, of Miamisburg, O., reached the same decision while he was with an artillery unit in Normandy, France and Germany. Peter Tomasek, of Shawano, Wis., served in Africa and Italy for 29 months with the Army, and Dan Kennerk, brother of U. S. assistant district attorney Hugh Kennerk, of Fort Wayne, Ind., served in England and France.

John Weihrer, of Reading, Pa., served four years with the Army Air Corps, while Charles Weiher, of Wapakoneta, O., was with the infantry Russell Neighbor, of Chicago, Ill., Nicholas Langenderfer, of Swanton, O., and Joseph Swierczewski, of Duryea, Pa., all served with the Navy. Swierczewski served on a troop transport during the invasions of Sicily and southern France. Milton Partridge, of Cincinnati, O., still corresponds with tank destroyer buddies who participated in three major campaigns with the Ninth Army in Europe.

St. Mary's, Kans., April 22 —(NC)—The article, "Bishops Speak on G. I. Vocations," by the Rev. Anthony C. O'Flynn, S.J., of St. Mary's College here, which appeared in the April issue of The Priest, has been reprinted as a leaflet.

Portugal Opens 300th Jubilee Of Dedication To Immaculate Conception

Lisbon, April 22 —(NC)— The tercentenary celebration of Portugal's dedication to the Immaculate Conception was opened with brilliant ceremonies at Villa Vicosa, where the dedication took place.

His Eminence Teodosio Clemente Cardinal de Gouveia, Archbishop of Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, blessed the foundation stone of a national monument to the Immaculate Conception and offered Mass in the parish church.

On the same day here in Lisbon, His Eminence Manoel Goncalves Cardinal Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, officiated at ceremonies in the Cathedral in observance of the tercentenary anniversary and preached the sermon.

His Eminence Manuel Cardinal Arheaga y Betancourt, Archbishop of Havana, enroute to Cuba from Rome, stopped off in Portugal and visited the world-famous shrine at Fatima. He also visited Cardinal Cerejeira, and Cardinal de Gouveia, and was received by Dr. Antonio Salazar, Prime Minister of Portugal.

Diocesan Map of the United States



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Gossip Is Cause Of Untold Suffering

How To Eradicate Its Character Destroying Habit

BY THE REV. JOHN A. O'BRIEN, Ph. D.
The University of Notre Dame

Address delivered over the Mutual Broadcasting System in
Our Sunday Visitor's "Spiritual Clinic" Program on April 25, 1946

"A MARRIED woman in our Bridge Club made a single misstep . . . went out with another man to a night club . . . It was nothing serious . . . only an indiscretion . . . but the gossipers in our Club have gone to work with a vengeance . . . They have let their imagination run wild . . . I scarcely ever return from a meeting without some prick-

ings of conscience for listening to the wagging tongues . . . Am I guilty in listening? What should I do under the circumstances?"

Thus writes a woman to the Spiritual Clinic. It gears in with the inquiry of another lady who writes: "My besetting sin is gossiping. It isn't that I want to be uncharitable. But it seems when we get together for a talking bee that the conversation sooner or later gravitates toward the faults of some of our absent neighbors. . . ."

"Each relays what the other has heard . . . There's a hodge-podge of rumor, suspicion, innuendo, eaves-dropping on the party line, and character sniping. How can we overcome this common practice which leaves such a bad taste afterwards? Can religion help us?"

**A Form Of Injustice
All Too Prevalent**

The practice described is unfortunately all too prevalent. It seems to have been with us since people first gathered together. It might be called the pet vice . . . the vocational hazard of women . . . though men are by no means strangers to it.

Religion points out that such uncharitable gossip constitutes the sin of detraction. It is a form of injustice, venial or grave, in accordance with the damage unjustly caused.

Everyone has a right to his good name unless he forfeits it by public misconduct. If the misconduct is private, it should not be indiscriminately revealed. That will help no one. The only justification for disclosing it would be to protect the public weal, an innocent individual, or to correct the individual.

Charity demands that the correction be administered first to the in-

dividual. If he takes it and changes his conduct, then there will be no necessity to disclose it to others. If he fails to do so, then the matter should be brought to the attention of the proper authority who would be in a position to bring about the desired change.

**Charity Demands That
Correction Be Made**

Mere indiscriminate tittle-tattle, babbling of the hidden faults of absent neighbors, accomplishes no good purpose. It hurts the good name of the person attacked and adds no whiteness to the reputation of the gossip. It is an offense against both charity and justice.

What a person values more than money is his good name. Who would not prefer to lose his pocket book than his reputation? The money lost can be replaced. But a reputation which has been blackened by babbling tongues is not easily restored to its first whiteness.

Gossiping is a form of character assassination. It aims its poisoned darts not at material things, but at that which every person esteems most highly . . . his reputation in the community . . . his reputation among his neighbors. These arrows pierce his very heart. Their venom poisons the life blood of his good name. He winces under the pain. They cut him to the quick.

Listen to the warning sounded by Timothy, the disciple of St. Paul: "But shun profane and vain babblings; for they grow much toward ungodliness." (Tim. 2:23). Listen to the solemn warning of the Evangelist, St. Matthew: "For I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall render

an account for it in the day of judgment." (12:36).

If gossiping is not checked, it easily advances from mere detraction to slander. This is the telling of untruths about a person and has the added malice of a lie. Here we have the lowest stage of gossiping . . . an itch to talk about your neighbor even to the extent of peddling untruths about him.

**Character Assassination
Worse Than Robbers**

Is there anyone who does not see the peculiarly detestable character of such conduct? Such thieves of reputation are a hundred times worse than bank robbers or highway gunmen. Slanderers are thugs who ply their trade in the kingdom of the soul.

The ugliness of the gossiping habit has long been recognized. "Gossip is a sort of smoke," points out George Eliot, "that comes from the dirty tobacco-pipes of those who diffuse it; it proves nothing but the bad taste of the smokers" (Daniel Deronda, Bk. 2, ch. 13). Gossip hurts not only the victim, but the giver and the receiver as well. "In the case of scandal, as in that of robbery," observes Lord Chesterfield, "the receiver is always thought as bad as the thief."

Let us come to grips now with the questions asked by our correspondent: "Am I guilty in listening? What should I do under the circumstances?" You may be guilty if by your attitude and your eager listening, you encourage the gossip in her uncharitable talk. If you smile approvingly or ply her with questions to have her probe deeper into the faults of an absent member, you share in the guilt.

On the other hand, if you show by your attitude, your failure to smile, your frown, or your changing the topic of conversation, that you disapprove such gossiping, you are not only blameless but you merit reward from God. A narrator is quick to sense the attitude of her audience and if they look bored, from disapproval, or shift the topic, she will be quick to take the hint. Perhaps the most diplomatic and effective of all strategies is simply to change the subject. That can be done without offense and will achieve the desired results . . . and usually the gratitude of the majority.

**Restitution Is
Also Necessary**

Now what about restitution? Since an offense against justice was committed, restitution is in order. How? In the case of slander, a direct retraction is to be made by saying: "What I said about Mrs. Smith was not true. I'm sorry for having said it and I take it back."

In the case of detraction, what was said was true, but should not have been disclosed. Here the person will have to repair the damage as best he can by calling attention to the good points of the individual's character . . . by praising him or her in various ways. Sometimes it can reasonably be presumed that the injured person would prefer to have nothing more said about him . . . to have the blanket of silence drawn over the whole matter.

Scandal swapping leaves a bad taste in the mouth . . . a lurking sense of guilt. How often do you hear people exclaim after such a session: "My! What have we been doing? Talking of the faults of our absent friends . . . when we would have been better employed in correcting our own!" The most unappealing of all birds are the scavengers. No human should wish to play their role.

A good rule to follow in this matter is this: "If you can't say something good about your neighbor, say nothing." There is much truth in the old adage:

There is so much good in the worst of us
And so much bad in the best of us
That it hardly behooves any of us
To speak ill of the rest of us.

A splendid motto to have framed over your family table is: "Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen Guest at every meal, the silent Listener at every conversation." This truth was well voiced by Christopher Morley when he said: "Gossips are people who have only one relative in common, but that relative the highest possible, namely, God."

**Put Yourself In
Other Person's Place**

Another good rule to prevent uncharitable gossiping is this: When about to talk of the faults of an absent member, stop, put yourself in the place of that person, and

ask: "How would I feel if others were to talk about me? Wouldn't I wince and grieve under the consciousness that my secret frailties and shortcomings were to be disclosed to all?"

Indeed you would. Well, then, don't do unto others what you wouldn't want others to do unto you. That is the essence of the Golden Rule, the core of social conduct, the quintessence of Christ's ethical teachings. St. James sums it up in the simple sentence: "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man." (3:2).

One of the loveliest qualities in people is the capacity to see the good in others. They are the optimists, the builders, the inspirers. We love to associate with them. We know that our character is safe in their hands. They get the most out of life. Seeing the good, they rejoice and try to exemplify it in their own lives. It is not only more pleasant but it is better morality to build reputation than to destroy it. Be a booster not a knocker.

With his customary penetration, Shakespeare sums up the case against uncharitable gossiping in the words which Iago addresses to Othello:

Good name in man and woman, dear my Lord,
Is the immediate jewel of their souls.
Who steals my purse, steals trash;
'Tis something, nothing;
'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been
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But he that filches from me my good name
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And makes me poor indeed.

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Czech Priest Tells Red Minister 'Vatican Conspiracy Stuff' Is Faked At Bidding Of Russia

Says Clergy Suffered For Country, Not Although, But Because, They Were Priests; Will Now Stand By Pope Pius

Prague, April 22.—(NC)—In a blunt answer to the "Vatican conspiracy stuff," rehearsed by the communist Czechoslovak Minister of Information at a party congress here, a Catholic priest, who was a prisoner in a nazi concentration camp, made this comment:

"Mister Minister, we Czech Catholic priests have suffered for our country not 'although' but 'because' we were Catholic priests."

"Czech Catholicism has survived the anti-Rome movement of 1920. Those who are Catholics today are convinced that they can be good Catholics and, at the same time, good Czechs. Many of us have come to that conviction under the most tragic circumstances."

"We all know, Mister Minister, that your 'Vatican conspiracy' stuff is artificially provoked affairs, which will never undermine our confidence in the Holy Father. We shall not take lessons from you—neither in patriotism nor in Catholicism."

"We are not engaged in politics, we do not strive for power or riches. What we want is a bit of real, manly, even if only modest, freedom, because by our sufferings we have contributed to the preservation of that freedom which we fully deserve."

The priest who wrote these courageous words was the Rev. Adolf Kajpr, S.J., editor of the journal *Katolik*. His words were directed at Vaclav Kopecky, who in a speech at the Communist Party congress had said that "patriotic and democratic circles of the Catholic Church" are expected "to stand loyally by the Republic—in spite of all intrigues emanating from the Vatican, which acts as defender of defeated Germans, which even today helps fascism in Spain, and which is biased against our ally, the Soviet Union."

That Czech Catholics are determined not to take "lying down" the baseless accusations hurled against the Holy See was manifested at a meeting of 5,000 Prague Catholics held on the day of the final sessions of the communist congress.

There was a tremendous ovation when the Rev. Antonin Zgarbik, S. J., told a meeting of the Confraternity of St. Michel: "We love our country, but we shall not tolerate having the Holy Father attacked and insulted."

Father Zgarbik, who also suffered in a nazi concentration camp, told the meeting that the Pope was not silent during the war, although most of the people in central Europe could not hear the Pontiff's voice because no Papal address ever appeared in the nazi-controlled press.

The Holy Father spoke, however, to the Czechs through his priests, Father Zgarbik reminded, whose sufferings in nazi concentration camps made it perfectly clear that the priests preached well.

Calls On Catholic Mothers To Heed Cry Of Needy Orphans

Washington, April 22.—(NC)—Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, has called upon Catholic women to rededicate themselves on Mother's Day, May 12, to the appeal of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, for clothing for needy children, particularly those who have no mothers as a result of the war.

"In Poland alone," said Mrs. Garrison in her letter to presidents of affiliated national organizations and of State and diocesan councils of Catholic women, "there are close to one million orphans, and in this month of May we must remember that their only Mother is Mary, that we have a sacred obligation as mothers and as women to care for these helpless little ones in Mary's name."

Over 830,000 garments, made or collected by affiliated groups of the National Council of Catholic Women, have been shipped by War Relief Services—N.C.W.C., to war-stricken areas.

Alumni President Urges Investigation Of Eastern Europe

Cleveland, Ohio.—If Spain is investigated by the United Nations, similar investigations were urged for Poland and other Soviet-dominated countries by Thomas Byrne of Cleveland, National President of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, acting in behalf of 30,000 alumni and former students of the University of Notre Dame.

This action was taken by Mr. Byrne in a telegram to Edward Stettinius, American delegate to the Security Council of the United Nations in New York City. The contents of his telegram were made public here this week by Mr. Byrne, who said that his recommendations to Mr. Stettinius were made "in the name of peace, justice and fairness."

The complete text of his wire follows:

"Congratulations on your excellent handling of the Iranian case before the Security Council of the United Nations on the present time. As an American citizen, and in the name of peace, justice and fairness, I ask you if Spain is investigated by the United Nations, to demand the same standard of yardstick of investigation for Poland, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania, as well as Russian-occupied sections of other European countries."

"Our American tradition and precious heritage of being absolutely fair with all nations demands your best judgment on all facts found, presented and weighed in the scales of international justice. As National President of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, with 30,000 members scattered all over the world, as well as in the name of justice and peace, I make this request."

Easter Observance Quiet In Holy Land, Where Rail Strike Ties Up Transport

Jerusalem, April 22.—(Radio NC)—Easter was observed quietly throughout the Holy Land. Owing to strikes paralyzing the transportation system of the country, thousands of prospective pilgrims from Egypt and other neighboring areas were stranded outside the country's borders.

The Most Rev. Angelo M. Paolo Hirai, Vicar Apostolic of Suez Canal, pontificated at the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified on Mount Calvary on Good Friday and at the Easter Mass at the Holy Sepulchre. Thousands of Christians joined in the recitation of the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa on Good Friday.

World Unity Is Only Protection Against Bomb

Nashville, Tenn., April 22.—(Special)—Establishment of a world government is the only protection against the menace of the atomic bomb, according to Dr. Milton Burton, a leading authority on atomic energy, who is on leave from his duties as Professor of Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame while completing atomic research.

Dr. Burton made this statement here Friday, April 19 in an address before the Tennessee Education Association, meeting at the Hotel Hermitage. An authority on radiation chemistry, he was associated for the last three years of World War II with the Plutonium Project of the Manhattan District Atomic Energy Project at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and in Chicago.

"No one wins an atomic bomb war," stressed Dr. Burton. "It is a war of total destruction and obliteration for both sides. If an atomic war is to be prevented, it has to be prevented by non-military measures. The only way we can see is by world government. This does not mean that the establishment of a world government would solve all our problems. Many problems will remain to be solved on the way to the achievement of a true world government. But good faith and good intentions are paramount. We must demand world government as our only and ultimate goal."

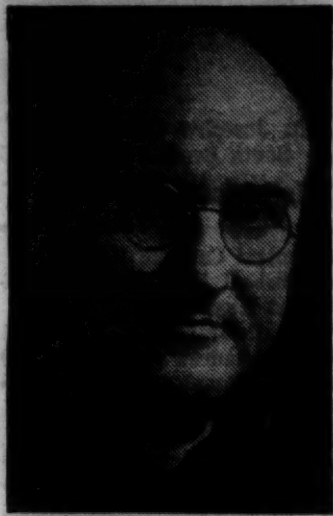
Endorsing the McMahon Bill now before Congress, the Notre Dame educator stressed that "in its original form the McMahon Bill is the only measure which has treated our national problem realistically, and which has emphasized the fact that the military solution to the problem is simply non-existent."

CHURCH HIT BY TIDAL WAVE



The Rev. J. Ryan Hughes, M. M., and two soldiers stand on guard at the Catholic church buildings at Haleaha, Windward Oahu, T. H., following the tidal wave of April 1. Some of the buildings were pushed five to 20 feet off their bases and crushed by the force of the wave. Photos courtesy Catholic Herald, Honolulu. (NC Photos)

On Air Waves



Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C. S. C. (upper photo), president of Notre Dame University, who will be heard on the NBC network "Catholic Hour" program, April 28 through May 26, on the subject of "Hail Holy Queen." Rev. Charles Owen Rice (lower photo), director of the Institute of Labor Relations, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, who will speak on the ABC network, "Hour of Faith" program, April 28 through May 26, on "The Church and the Working Man." (NC Photos)

Requiescant

August F. Hilleke

Birmingham, Ala. — August F. Hilleke, 77, died here, April 10. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nettie D. Hilleke; two daughters, Sister John Francis, C.S.C., Anderson, Ind.; Miss Ruth Hilleke, Birmingham; three sons, Edmund E., Birmingham; James D., Attalla, Ala.; and August F., Jr., in service; one sister, Sister Augustilla, P.H.J.C., Mishawaka, Ind. Mr. Hilleke was born in Fort Wayne, Ind. in 1869 and was educated at St. Paul's grade school and Central Catholic High School in that city.

Dr. C. C. McArdle

Monroeville—Funeral services for Dr. Charles C. McArdle, 54, prominent Catholic physician of Monroeville, who died Wednesday night, April 17 at St. Joseph's hospital, Fort Wayne, were held Easter Monday from St. Rose church. The Rev. Joseph J. Hennes, pastor, was celebrant of the solemn requiem Mass; the Rev. Edgar Cyr of Muncie deacon and the Rev. Joseph Hession, pastor, St. Louis church, Besancon, subdeacon. Honorary pallbearers were physicians and surgeons from Fort Wayne, Decatur and Monroeville.

Dr. McArdle practiced medicine in Monroeville the past ten years and was located in Anderson several years. He was a member of St. Rose church, Monroeville, and the Holy Name Society of the parish. A graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine he was a member of the Allen County and Indiana State medical societies. Surviving are his widow, Frances; two daughters, Patricia and Margaret at home; three sisters, Sister Rose Ann of the Sisters of Holy Cross, stationed in Idaho; and Mary and Marguerite, both of Monroeville and a brother James, of California. Another brother was the late, Dr. John E. McArdle, of Fort Wayne, who died in 1940.

Nellie Tiernan

Fort Wayne—Miss Nellie Tiernan, a native and lifelong resident of Fort Wayne died at 12:30 o'clock Monday noon at her home, 1530 Lake avenue. The Rev. Magr. Thomas J. Travers, rector of St. Mary's church, Anderson, a nephew officiated at the funeral held Wednesday morning at 10:15 o'clock at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Deceased was educated at St. Augustine's Academy. She was a member of the Cathedral, the Rosary Society, Daughters of Isabella, the Orphans' Guild and the Catholic Business Women's club. Surviving are a sister, Miss Agnes Tiernan, city and the nephew.

John Eisenhauer, 84, St. Peter and Paul, Huntington.
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Miss Mamie E. McLaughlin, Cathedral, Fort Wayne.
John Suelzer, 85, St. Patrick, Fort Wayne.
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John Lauer, 84, St. Peter, Fort Wayne.
Miss Minnie Kathryn Hoff, Immaculate Conception, Auburn.
Mrs. Wilhelmina M. Roemer, 83, St. Mary, Fort Wayne.

Pope Says Italians Have Choice Of Life And Death

Urges People To Vote To Protect Future Of Church And Nation

Rome, April 20—Pope Pius XII declared today that the Italian elections on June 2 to select a constituent assembly give the people of Italy the choice "between life and death."

Avoiding any explicit endorsement of the monarchy or the republic and mentioning no party or faction by name, the Pope told leaders of the Catholic Action, Italian youth organization, that the objectives of the Church's opponents was the overthrow of "faith and Christian morality."

Declaring the present hour "extremely grave," the Pope urged lay organizations to "use to the utmost all possible measures, to extend their energies to the extremest measure" in order to impress upon Catholic voters their duties.

Noting there was no instance in history of a nation or a country "which after breaking away from the Church and its Catholic culture has returned integrally to them," the Pope added:

"The people are called to play always the most important part in the public life of a nation. This participation brings with it grave responsibilities, whence the necessity for the faithful to have sharp, solid and exact understanding of their moral and religious duties in exercising civil rights, especially the right to vote."

The Pontiff declared that "history invariably shows as the precursors of great catastrophes, not only economic and political but also and chiefly spiritual and religious, the decay of public morality and corruption of customs."

"The experience of the present only confirms the lessons of history. We are tireless in denouncing, on every occasion that offers, at least three of the most terrible forms of the monstrous moloch who reaps so many victims: divorce, Godless schools and the unbridled nature of books and licentious spectacles."

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Alerding Youth Council Maps May Activities

Gary—The regular monthly meeting of the Gary-Alerding Settlement House Youth Council was held Tuesday, April 16, with George Molchan, president presiding.

The business session consisted of reports from the parish representatives, followed by reports from the chairman in charge of the Easter Dance.

The new business consisted of plans for a Bike-Hike for all Catholic Youth on Sunday, April 28, John Kopil in charge. The bike-hikers will leave the House at 1:30 p. m. All should bring their lunches. Dancing and games will take place upon reaching the picnic grounds.

The month of May will be a busy month, since the House schedule is filled with a diversified program of activities for the Catholic youth of Gary.

The schedule of activities is as follows:

"Workers Party"—Thursday, May 2. All the youths who assisted in the House program and activities throughout the entire year will be invited. Awards will be presented at this time to those who have distinguished themselves in the service of the House. The May Queen will be chosen from among the girls, and it will be her privilege to preside as May Queen at the Coronation Dance. Chairmen are Margaret Wisner and Mrs. Joan Fengya. The House Board Members will act as hosts and hostesses to the Youths.

Roller Skating Party—Monday, May 13, Lillian Pipas, chairman. Hay Ride—Sunday, May 19, Betty Andrey and Steve Pipas, chairmen. Musicales—Sunday, May 26, at 8 p. m. It will be presented by the pupils of the Piano Class conducted weekly at the House. "Coronation Dance"—Wednesday, May 29. This will be an orchestra dance. The May Queen will place a corsage on the Blessed Virgin Statue.

The weekly Juke Box Dances will be resumed Wednesday, May 1 and every Wednesday thereafter. A May altar will be set up in the auditorium during the entire month of May and following each dance, the youths will gather at the feet of the Heavenly Mother for prayers.

The closing remarks were made by the president who paid tribute to the 80 youths who turned out for the Spring House Cleaning.

The Reverend Director brought the meeting to a close with prayer.

Lt. Dorothy Jockel Given Promotion

Fort Wayne—Lt. (jg) Dorothy A. Jockel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Jockel, 224 East Williams street, recently was promoted to that rank. Entering the Navy in June, 1944, she spent her indoctrination period at Great Lakes, Ill., and then was transferred to Camp Peary, Williamsburg, where she was a supervisor in the surgery department of the hospital. On February 1, of this year, she was assigned to the U. S. Naval hospital, at Bethesda, Md., where she is pursuing a course in anesthesia. She is a graduate of St. Joseph's Nurses' Training school and has taken post-graduate work in surgery at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Before entering the services she was associated with the Clinic Hospital, Bluffton. Lt. Jockel was a former student at St. Patrick's school and later St. Catherine's academy, and is a member of St. Patrick's church.

St. Mary's Glee Club Concert Planned

Michigan City—On April 25, at 8:00 p. m. Saint Mary's Glee Club assisted by the music department was scheduled to present its annual Spring Concert in Barker Hall.

The program has been well planned and the numbers were selected with care. "La Serenata" and "Waltz of the Flowers," from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" will present a pleasing contrast to the two more dramatic numbers: "Waltz" from the opera "Faust," and "Marche Militaire."

In addition to this, soloists will be featured, chosen from the piano and voice students in the high school.

Audubon Society Speaker



Rensselaer. — Bird banding and bird portraiture are the hobbies of the Rev. John Baechle, C. P. S., who will speak for the third consecutive year at the annual meeting of the Indiana Audubon Society to be held May 3 at McCormick's Creek State Park, near Spencer, Ind. He will speak May 2 before the Blatchley Nature Club at Noblesville, Ind. The young priest, an assistant professor of biology at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind., is shown photographing a robin being held by Paul H. Banet, GI student from Fort Wayne.

The portrait of a cardinal is an example of Father Baechle's work. This particular bird has been found in the college traps each spring since the establishment of the St. Joseph's banding station five years ago. Within that time, the priest has banded more than 8,500 birds representing 75 species, all found in the bird sanctuaries located on the campus.

Inter-City Catholic League Schedule

South Bend.—The Inter-City Catholic League softball schedule for the week is as follows:

Sunday, April 28—St. Adalbert vs. St. Joseph, Mish.; Harrison; St. Bavo vs. St. Casimir, Rose; Holy Cross vs. St. Matthew, Holy Cross; St. Monica vs. St. Patrick, Merrifield; Our Lady of Hungary vs. St. Stanislaus, Walker; St. Stephen vs. St. Hedwige, Oliver; St. Joseph, So. Bend, vs. Sacred Heart, LaPorte, Potowatomi.

Thursday, May 2—St. Stephen vs. Holy Cross, Oliver; St. Bavo vs. Our Lady of Hungary, Rose; St. Stanislaus vs. St. Joseph, South Bend, Kaley; St. Patrick vs. St. Casimir, Leeper; St. Monica vs. St. Joseph, Mish.; Merrifield; St. Hedwige vs. St. Matthew, Pulaski No. 2; Sacred Heart, LaPorte, vs. St. Adalbert, For Park.

St. Joseph College Spring Musicales Set

Rensselaer — The traditional Spring Musicales at St. Joseph's College will be held April 30. The band will be under direction of Prof. Paul Tonner; the Glee Club will be under direction of the Rev. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S.

Band soloists will be as follows: Xylophone, George McDevitt, Ready, Pa.; saxophone, Leo Tonner, Rensselaer; trombone, John Royle, Jr., Cleveland; Glee Club soloists: Robert Fischer, LaPorte, Ind., and Bernard Whaley, Canton, O.

Richard Sullivan To Give Book Review

South Bend—Richard Sullivan, associate professor of English and book reviewer for the Chicago Tribune and the New York Times, will review "David the King," Literary Guild publication and best seller, at the Aquinas Library, Tuesday evening, April 30 at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Sullivan is the author of "Summer after Summer" and "Dark Continent."

College Announces Band Scholarships

Rensselaer—The committee on scholarships at St. Joseph's College announced the establishment of Band Instrument Scholarships, open to high school graduates who give evidence of outstanding ability on the band instrument of their choice. Auditions will be held in the music hall on the campus May 25 and June 8.

CCHS Student Wins Scholarship

Fort Wayne—A scholarship to St. Mary of the Woods College, Vigo County, Ind., has been awarded Miss Mary Helen Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Lewis, 1617 Tilden avenue, a member of the senior class at Central Catholic High School. The membership is for full instruction in the liberal arts program with a major in the department of piano in the College Conservatory of Music, and was awarded on the basis of scholarship, and a competitive examination. Two weeks ago Miss Lewis competed with applicants from all parts of the country before a committee of judges.

During her four years at Central Catholic, Miss Lewis was an active member of the school band and orchestra, and was the first accompanist of the CCHS Glee club. She appeared with the club in all of its public performances. Sister Agnes of the Sisters of Providence, is her piano instructor.

Chaplain Returns



Chaplain Gilbert Esser, C.P.P.S.

Five years of military service kept Major Gilbert Esser, U. S. Army chaplain, away from his textbooks of Greek and Latin. He has returned to the faculty of St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind., after having completed the following assignments: Post chaplain, Fort Devens, Mass.; regimental chaplain, 314th Inf. Regt., 79th Div.; assistant division chaplain, 79th Div., and depot chaplain in five replacement depots in England, France, and Belgium.

Rev. James A. Burns Memorial Scholarships Announced By N. D.

Notre Dame—Five full scholarships and ten tuitional scholarships will be awarded by the University of Notre Dame before the beginning of the Fall term which starts in September, the Committee on Scholarships at Notre Dame has announced.

These awards, known as the James A. Burns Memorial Scholarships, are assistance scholarships for high school graduates, who are in need of financial aid in order to begin their college courses. Scholars will be chosen from the candidates' ratings in the College Entrance Examination Board examinations and their high school records. Valid evidence of financial need must be presented.

Applicants must apply to the College Entrance Examination Board, P. O. Box 592, Princeton, N. J., before May 11, 1946, to request admission to the examination held in June 1, 1946. Applicants should then address the Chairman, Committee on Scholarships, University of Notre Dame, stating they have applied to the College Entrance Examination Board.

Joyce Kilmer Club To Meet April 28

Gary—A meeting of the Joyce Kilmer club will be held Sunday, April 28 at the home of Mary Kent, 1120 W. 6th Ave., Gary at 3:00 p. m. At this meeting the program will be as follows: Review of Peter Bowman's "Beach Red" by Mary Kay Westbecker; Ann Valenti will give cuttings from "Mama's Bank Account," and "The Barrettes of Wimpole Street." Item of current interest will be brought in by all members for general discussion.

Any one interested is invited to attend.

Mexico was the main topic of the Joyce Kilmer club at the March meeting in the home of Mary Kent, sponsor. Miss Leona Ringering supplemented her review of "Men of Mexico" with a description of her three weeks tour through Mexico.

Gerry Kramer reviewed "This Night Called Day" by Father E. J. Edwards. Other books by this author were mentioned and compared to his latest book. Mary Kundich reviewed Robert Gibbing's "Lonely Is The Lee," and Alex Molchan, "The World, the Flesh, and Father Smith" by Bruce Marshall. Mary Kent read a poem "Welcome Home" by Wm. Holub, who is Father Holub of Placid Iowa.

CYO Softball Season Opens On May 5th

Gary—Schedules for forty-two CYO softball teams, including Girls, Senior and Junior boys, and Sheil Club teams, have been drawn up by the Athletic Board, and have been submitted to the Gary park and school boards for field allocations. The season will begin May 5. Most Senior and Sheil games will be played on Sunday mornings, and Junior games are scheduled to start at 4:30 p. m.

Entry blanks, rules, and regulations are completed and will be mailed to each parish of the deanery.

Sodality Session Held In Lyceum

Fort Wayne—Addressed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan, rector of St. Patrick's church, the April meeting of the Blessed Virgin sodality was held at 8 o'clock Monday evening in the assembly room of the lyceum. Miss Alice O'Reilly, president, conducted the meeting. Miss Betty Menefee was chairman for the social hour following the session.

Father Schumacher Lectures April 25

South Bend—The Rev. Matthew Schumacher, C.S.C., Ph.D., Chaplain of St. Mary's College, here, will give his fourth lecture in his series of eight on "What Catholics Believe," at the Aquinas Library, Sunday evening, April 25 at 8:00 o'clock. He will discuss the "Blessed Trinity."

On May 2, Father Schumacher will discuss "God, the Creator."

Spelling Contest Winners Receive Bonds From K. C.

Fort Wayne—First and second place winners in the finals of the recently conducted spelling contest sponsored for Catholic Grade school pupils by Fort Wayne Council No. 451 Knights of Columbus, were honored preceding the regular meeting Monday evening. Rita Hasley of St. Jude's school, sixth grade, received a Victory Bond for \$50 as winner of the finals. Rose Simone, eighth grade senior of St. Patrick's school, runner-up, received a \$25 bond. Philip Lutz, of St. Peter's seventh grade; James Kever, of St. Hyacinth's fifth grade, winners in the other two of the four grades participating, also attended. The four each previously won \$15 in their respective grades, and St. Jude's a \$15 plaque.

Following Holy Week, the Council resumed its meetings Monday evening, Grand Knight Robert E. Bangert conducting the session. Chancellor John G. Schultheis and staff gave the first degree for 25 candidates. Initiation of a new class in the three degrees is planned before the close of the season.

Incident to the meeting of the Council, Monday night, April 29, Norbert D. Knapke, of the Chamber of Commerce, will address the membership on "Fort Wayne Today and Tomorrow," in observance of "Civic Month."

St. Barbara's CYO, Hebron, Elects Heads

Hebron—At a recent meeting of the St. Barbara CYO, here, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Yonkauskas, the following officers were elected by the nine members assembled:

Jenny Urbas, president; Veronica Hren, vice president, and Muriel Busker, secretary-treasurer.

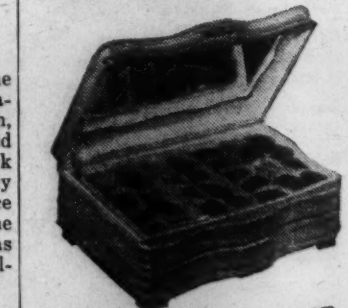
Eileen Keen gave a reading on "Holy City in Oklahoma," and John Hren conducted the "Question Box." Mrs. Jack Aylesworth was in charge of the music during the social hour arranged by the hostess.

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Diocesan NCCW Convention May 5-6

The Bishop's Chat

My Dear Flock:

We have seen how sacred Christian marriage was intended to be, yet how lightly it has come to be regarded by our generation. We have pointed out that Almighty God Himself who sealed the first marriage contract declared it to be indissoluble; that His Divine Son Who came to be mankind's Teacher left no room for people even to doubt its indissolubility.

We have quoted the Evangelists and St. Paul, who report Christ's characterization of a remarriage following divorce as "adultery."

The law of God is expressed by the Church (Canon 119) in these words:

"A valid marriage, ratified and consummated, can be dissolved by no human power, and by no other cause than death."

Although the Church permits separation for a just and serious cause, it cannot grant the right to those validly married to remarry, because God Himself forbids it. The Church recognizes as a valid and serious cause for a separation, but not for a new marriage, unfaithfulness on the part of one of the spouses, unless the other spouse consented to the crime, was responsible for it or condoned it, or committed the same crime.

The noted Protestant historian Lecky, reviewing the marriage and divorce problem that obtained in the old Roman Empire, claimed that divorce finally destroyed that great Empire, which ruled over practically two-thirds of the then populated world. There is absolutely nothing left of that once great nation.

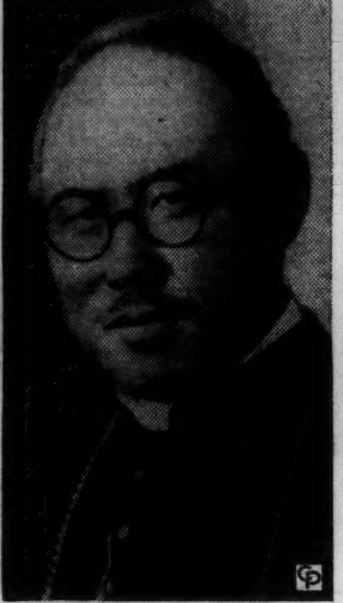
Let us review briefly the status of marriage in the ancient pagan Roman Empire, and then compare with it the trends of

Leads Convention



Mrs. William F. Black (above), South Bend, president of the Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women, will preside at the opening and closing sessions of the 13th Annual Convention of the Fort Wayne Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to be held in Fort Wayne, May 5-6. The opening meeting is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Central Catholic High School auditorium, and the final business session will take place at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Fort Wayne Athletic Club.

Visits Diocese



Thomas Cardinal Tien

Army Leaders Suppress German Bishops' Letter

British, However, Find It 'Impossible To Interfere With Freedom Of Church'

The Bishops of western Germany, legitimately exercising their rights and duties as shepherds, have spoken out in solemn protest against what they declare to be "revolting proceedings" in the Soviet-dominated eastern zone of the Reich, and also against other occupation policies.

The reaction of many in this country was that the term "revolting proceedings" might also be used to characterize the measures taken by American occupation authorities in the Reich who—in apparent violation of all the principles for which this country went to war, which certainly included freedom of religion and speech—are reported to have silenced the voice of the German Bishops.

The bewilderment of Americans at such an apparent violation of basic freedoms by those whose sworn duty it is to restore freedom to Germany, was immeasurably increased when it became known that the British occupation authorities made it a point to declare it "impossible to interfere with the freedom of the Church."

Thus, Americans seem faced with the fact that in the U.S.-occupied zone of the Reich, the very same measures of suppression have been officially applied which are customary in the territories and countries under Soviet-Russian domination.

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NCCW Convention Principals To Be Interviewed By WOWO

Fort Wayne—Miss Ann Harrigan, Executive Secretary of Friendship House, Chicago, will be heard in a radio broadcast over WOWO, Fort Wayne, on Monday, May 6 at 4 pm, CDT. She will be interviewed by Allan Jeffries on his 4 o'clock "Let's Talk About the News" program.

Miss Harrigan will be in Fort Wayne as the principal speaker at the noon luncheon of the NCCW convention being held in Fort Wayne. Mr. Jeffries will also introduce Mrs. Thos. G. Garrison of Golden, Colorado, National President of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Cardinal Tien To Visit In Diocese Of Fort Wayne

Chinese Prelate To Take Part In NCCW Meet, Visit Notre Dame, O.S.V.

His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Tien, S.V.D., Vicar Apostolic of Tsing-Tao, China and first Chinese in the history of the Church to be raised to the Sacred College, will visit in the Diocese of Fort Wayne on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 4th, 5th and 6th.

On Saturday His Eminence will visit at the University of Notre Dame, where he will have dinner with the officials and faculty of the University. On Sunday morning the Cardinal will pontificate at Sacred Heart Church, Michigan City.

Sunday afternoon Cardinal Tien will journey to Fort Wayne where he will be the guest of His Excellency, the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne. Remaining overnight with Bishop Noll, His Eminence will greet the delegates attending the Diocesan Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women on Monday morning.

Shortly after his Mass Cardinal Tien will journey to Huntington where he will visit the home of Our Sunday Visitor, the Missionary Catechists and the Capuchin Monastery. Luncheon honoring the Cardinal will be served in Huntington.

Cardinal Tien has been interested in Our Sunday Visitor for approximately two years. The paper served as an auxiliary text book for His Eminence in the study of the English language in which the Cardinal was tutored by Louis Maloof, then a sergeant in the United States Marines and now private secretary for Cardinal Tien on His Eminence's tour of the United States. Mr. Maloof will be remembered by readers of Our Sunday Visitor as one of its frequent contributors and as the author of the series of articles published two years ago on the work of the Catholic Chaplains in World War II.

Elevated at 55
Cardinal Tien was raised to the Sacred College of Cardinals at the age of 55. He was born in

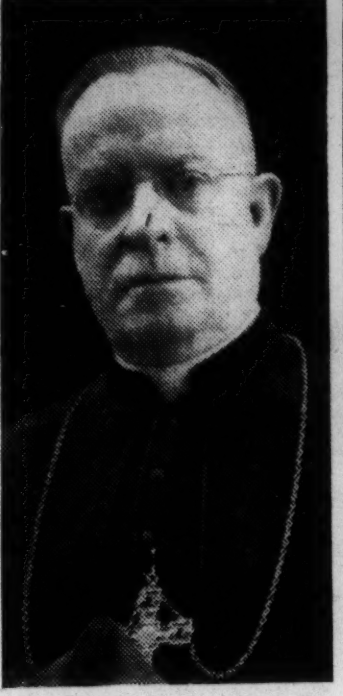
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To Address NCCW



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, D.D., (above), past rector of Mundelein College, Chicago, and at present pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Hubbard Woods, Ill., will give the Sunday evening banquet address at the Fort Wayne Athletic Club, for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women meeting in Fort Wayne May 5-6. Monsignor Hillenbrand will speak on "The Lay Apostolate."

Bishop To Speak



His Excellency, the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne and Episcopal Chairman of Lay Organizations, National Catholic Welfare Conference, will sound the theme of the 13th annual convention of the Fort Wayne Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the opening session in Central Catholic High School auditorium, Sunday afternoon, May 5, the opening day of the two-day meeting. The convention theme will be: "Every Woman an Apostle for Christ." Bishop Noll will also offer the Pontifical Mass opening the conference at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral, Sunday morning.

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Pastors are still inquiring concerning the manner of dividing offerings contained in the Lenten envelopes. If the amounts given were as per the schedule on the envelope—\$6.00 or \$9.00 or \$11.00—then the division should be exactly as it appears on the envelope, exclusive of the War and Relief item.

Some pastors received offerings of \$25.00 or \$50.00, designated for the High School or Seminary. Of course that must go to the purposes for which it is given.

Catholic women of all parishes are invited to Fort Wayne for the interesting convention which will take place on May 5 and 6. It will open with a Pontifical High Mass at the Cathedral at 11:00 o'clock on May 5.

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Bishop Noll To Pontificate And Give Address

Msgr. Hillenbrand, Ann Harrigan, Mrs. Garrison Among Notable Speakers

Fort Wayne—The Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, Episcopal Chairman of Lay Organizations of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will open the 13th annual convention of the Fort Wayne Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women when he will offer Pontifical High Mass at 11:00 a. m., Sunday, May 5, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, here, when the Catholic Women of the Diocese meet May 5 and 6. The Rev. Carl Holsinger, Elkhart, Diocesan Moderator, will deliver the sermon.

His Excellency will also give the principal address at the opening business session scheduled for 2:30 p. m. Sunday, in the Central Catholic High School auditorium.

Other notable speakers to address the various meetings of the convention include the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, Chicago; Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison, Golden, Colo., president of the National Council, and Miss Ann Harrigan, director of Friendship House in Chicago.

The Fort Wayne Deanery, which covers 37 parishes in this area, will be host to all Catholic women of Northwestern Indiana. Delegates will attend from South Bend, Hammond, Gary, Michigan City deaneries.

Joining in the two sessions on Sunday, the opening day, will be the newly-organized National Council of Catholic Nurses, with Miss Berth Becker, R.N., president of its Fort Wayne unit, assisting as joint-hostess.

At 2:30 p. m. Sunday, in the Central Catholic Auditorium, the delegates will be welcomed by Mrs. R. E. Grimmer, president of the Fort Wayne Deanery. Mrs. August Blume of Mishawaka will respond. The Central Catholic Glee Club of 90 vested members will give a half hour musical program, beginning with "Ecce Sacerdos," the tradi-

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National Head



Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison (above), of Golden, Colo., president of the National Council of Catholic Women will extend greetings of the National Council to the delegates of the Fort Wayne Diocesan Council of Women at their 13th annual convention in Fort Wayne, May 5 and 6.

Protestant Editor Wants Religion Taught In Schools

Dr. Morrison Of 'The Christian Century' Says U. S. Becoming Secular

Chicago, April 22.—(NC)—Exploring the "steadily downward curve of religious literacy" in this country, caused by a "blind spot" of the schools for religion, Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of The Christian Century, National Protestant weekly, calls for "religious education in public education" lest America become an entirely "secular-minded society."

Religious instructions in public schools, Mr. Morrison states, is not contrary to our educational theory, which "conceives the school as a method of introducing each new generation into the wisdom and the values which the community cherishes."

"The school is a microcosm of the community," he writes. "Whatever the community holds to be significant in its own life tends strongly to find its way into the pattern in which the teaching profession organizes the curriculum of the school. It is on this principle that the curriculum includes instruction in science, art, economics, politics, history, literature, even business."

"The school sees millions of citizens marching to the polls, and it teaches civics and politics. It sees millions at work in factories and offices, and it teaches economics and business methods. It sees millions entering galleries where sculptures stand and pictures are hung, and it teaches art. It sees throngs crowding great halls where symphonies and operas and plays are rendered, and it teaches music and drama." For the same reason, he adds, it teaches domestic economy, science, history.

"For religion, however, the school has a blind spot," Mr. Morrison points out. "It does not see the millions going to churches. It does not ask why they go, what is in their minds, what they do in church, what literature they read, how their churches are organized, what social concerns engage them. To ask such questions and to answer them is forbidden by our educational system. The school does not know that there is such a thing as religion in American society."

The result of this blind spot, the author says, "is to create a negative prejudice against religion in the mind of each new generation issuing from the public school. The impression is made that religion is not a significant social interest at all, or at most that it is only a marginal one."

Decency Legion Classifies 'The Outlaw' As Still 'Wholly Objectionable'

New York, April 22.—(NC)—In view of the reissue of the motion picture, "The Outlaw," the National Legion of Decency has called attention to the fact that on February 25, 1943, it placed this film in the "C" or condemned classification. The Legion said several versions of the picture have appeared but that no version shown to the Legion would warrant any other classification. Reasons given for the "C" classification are "The film presents glorification of crime and immoral actions. The film throughout a very considerable portion of its length is indecent in costuming."

Confraternity Directors To Meet In Boston, May 6

Boston, April 22.—(NC)—Fifteen diocesan directors of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine already have accepted the invitation of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston to meet here on May 6 to aid in formulating plans for the Eighth National Congress of the Confraternity, which will be held here on October 26-29.

The directors will meet with the 40 members of the local committee chosen by Archbishop Cushing to make arrangements for the Congress. Bishops Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Episcopal Chairman of the Confraternity, and Matthew F. Brady of Manchester, member of the Episcopal Committee, will be present.

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Bishop's Spring Appointments

April 26—May 1—Administrative Board Meeting, NCWC, Washington, D. C.
May 4 Board Meeting, Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses, St. Jos. Hosp.
May 5-6 Convention, NCCW, Fort Wayne.
May 7 Confirmation, Ege, afternoon;
May 7, Confirmation, Avilla, evening;
May 8, Confirmation, Auburn, evening;
May 9, Confirmation, Besancon, evening;
May 10, Music Festival—C.C.H.S., Ft. Wayne;
May 11, Music Day, CCHS, Fort Wayne;
May 12, Investiture of the Vicar General, Msgr. E. J. Mungovan, as Protonotary Apostolic, also Golden Jubilee of All Saints Parish, Hammond;
May 13-14, Minor Orders, Franciscan Monastery, Cedar Lake;
May 21, St. Mary's Alumnae—6:30 Women's Club.
May 22, Commencement, Sacred Heart Seminary, Fort Wayne;
May 24-27, Convention, National Council of Catholic Nurses, Toledo;
June 4, Commencement, CCHS, Fort Wayne;
June 5, Jubilee, Monsignor Conroy;
June 9, Commencement, St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, morning;
June 9, Confirmation, converts of the city, Cathedral, Fort Wayne, afternoon;
June 10, Confirmation, St. Vincent Villa;
June 13, Golden Jubilee, Mother Benigna;
June 15, Ordinations, Cathedral, Fort Wayne;
June 17, Deanery Meeting NCCW, Gary;
June 17-21, Clergy Retreat—Rev. Honorius Lipps, O.F.M.;
June 24, Ordinations, Notre Dame;
June 25, Reception and Profession, Donaldson;
June 30, Commencement, Notre Dame.
August 5, Reception and Profession, Victory-Noll;
August 11, Reception and Profession, Sisters of St. Joseph, South Bend;
August 12, Reception and Profession, Sisters of St. Francis, Mishawaka;
August 14, Election, Sisters of St. Francis;
August 15, Reception and Profession, St. Mary's, Notre Dame.

Quebec Assembly Favors Embassy At Vatican

Quebec, April 22.—(NC)—The Quebec Legislative Assembly has unanimously endorsed a motion of Jacques Dumoulin, Liberal member for Montmorency, urging the Canadian Government to establish a Canadian Embassy at the Vatican.

In the Federal House of Commons, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, replying to questions by Wilfred Lacroix, Federal member for Quebec, stated no steps have been taken toward establishment of a Canadian Embassy at the Vatican, and that "representations as to the desirability of establishing such a diplomatic mission have been made from time to time by individuals but no officially."

Members of all political parties in the Quebec Legislature joined in supporting the motion of Mr. Dumoulin. Speakers pointed out that when Great Britain established an Embassy at the Vatican in 1914, the Catholics in the United Kingdom numbered but five

per cent of the population. Great Britain never has regretted this diplomatic link with the Vatican.

In Canada today the Catholics number 43 per cent of the population, yet Canada remains one of the few leading nations of the world without diplomatic representatives at the Vatican. The others are Russia, Mexico and Turkey. Members of the Legislature declared that currently when the forces of atheism are pitted against Christianity, the moral influence of the Vatican is more effective and more indispensable than in the past.

Nun's Three Children Present At Profession

Ajmer, India, April 22.—(NC)—Three children of a novice were present at her profession ceremonies at the motherhouse of the Mission Sisters here. They are a captain in the engineering department, a teacher at Sophia College, and a nun. Their mother, now Sister Paula, is the former Mrs. Mitra, widow of a prominent Government official and the daughter of a famous Punjab convert.

UN Is Urged To Investigate Red Puppet Regime

Fr. John A. O'Brien Says Polish People Enslaved By Russia

South Bend, Ind.—April 22.—The United Nations were urged to investigate the "Soviet puppet regime maintained by the Red Army and the Russian Gestapo to perpetuate the enslavement of the brave people of Poland," by the Rev. John A. O'Brien, Professor of Religion at the University of Notre Dame, speaking here, April 18 at a meeting of the Jewish War Veterans Club at the Hebrew Institute.

"To free Poland from the invading armies of Hitler and Stalin," Father O'Brien said, "the Allies went to war. Against the might of these two brutal tyrants, Poland fought with desperate courage and gallantry. She has suffered more than any nation from the cruelty and brutality of these twin tyrannies. She deserves freedom from the Quisling regime now holding her in chains. Poland, not Spain, should be number one on the international agenda..."

"The spectacle of a Quisling spokesman, renouncing first Polish citizenship, then American citizenship, and now taking orders from Stalin, presuming to speak before the United Nations for a gagged and betrayed Poland is an affront to international decency. If not stopped, it will undermine confidence in that organization. The Jewish War Veterans can strengthen the solidarity of the international conscience and safeguard the peace of the world by requesting the American government to take the following steps:

1. "Focus the attention of the Security Council of the United Nations upon the pitiful plight of the Polish nation as a grave threat to the peace of the world.

2. "Require the immediate withdrawal from Poland of the Red Army and the Russian secret police as their presence now constitutes an unwarranted aggression and unsupportable burden upon our Polish allies.

3. "Withdraw recognition of the Soviet puppet regime in Warsaw and insist upon free elections to give Poland a free and democratic government."

"Injustice is like an infection in the body," concluded Father O'Brien. "It can't be isolated. Unless it is eradicated, it will infect the whole moral order and lead inevitably to violence and war."

Ordained At 69, Going To Brazil As Missioner

St. Bonaventure, N. Y., April 22.—(NC)—The Rev. Jerome Poppenberg, O.F.M., who holds the distinction of having been ordained at the age of 69, recently visited St. Bonaventure College here, where he once was a student. Father Poppenberg was ordained last month in Washington. A native of Germany, he lived in Brazil before coming to this country 25 years ago. He will return to Brazil as a missionary in the province of Sao Antonio.

The Bishop's Chat

Continued from page 1, News Sec. professed followers and friends were more loyal.

The Diocesan Council has units in every parish, and if its members in every community were actually apostles out of love for Christ and even out of love for their own souls, not only would they and their children be blessed, but the community would be a beneficiary. It is certainly unpardonable that Catholics, to whom God has given immeasurably more than to all others, should be less zealous and more silent than His enemies are to promote irreligion and anti-Americanism.

The Bishop wishes to express his deep appreciation for the splendid work done, even during the war when it was difficult to hold public meetings, under the leadership of Mrs. William Black, President for the past two years of the Diocesan Council.

He wishes also to express his gratitude to the Presidents of the five Deanery Councils and to the members of all committees who worked under them.

Praying God's blessing on the deliberations of the forthcoming convention and on all who will attend it, I am,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

John Francis Noll
Bp. of St. Wayne

Catholic Editor Nominated For Italy's 'Costituente'

Rome, April 22.—(NC)—Igino Giordani, publisher of Il Quotidiano, independent Catholic daily of Rome, was nominated by the Christian Democrats of the Lazio district here to be their candidate in the forthcoming elections for representatives to the "Costituente," the parliament which will decide upon the new constitution for Italy.

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